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AND  
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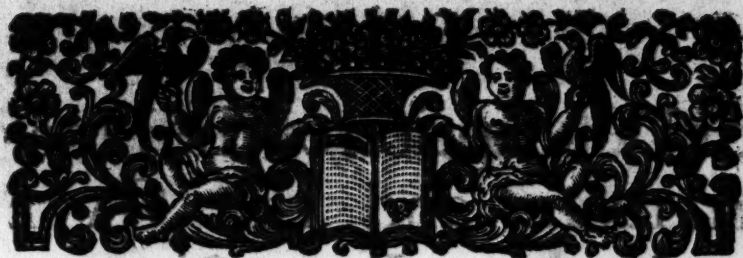
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Mrs. PURCELL.



S You, *Madam*,  
have the *Ho-*  
*nour* of being a  
most agreeable  
Representative in a silent  
Scene of Royal Amuse-  
ment, I hope you will  
permit me to put this pe-

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tit Description of the HER-  
MITAGE and the CAVE  
under your Protection.

You, likewise, *Madam*,  
daily enjoy a most inex-  
pressible Happiness thro'  
the Favour of that Illu-  
strious Q U E E N who  
founded these *Noble Re-  
tirements*; and as Lord  
*Lansdowne* justly sings,

-----whose pow'rful Smile, alone,  
Commands Obedience; and secures the  
*Throne.*

*Contending Parties and Plebeian Rage,*  
*Had puzzled Loyalty for half an Age;*  
*Conqu'ring our Hearts, SHE ends the*  
*long Dispute,*  
*All that have Eyes confess HER Absolute.*

*To*

*To Tory Doctrines now, the Whigs resign;  
And, in her Person, own the Right Divine.*

The Waxen-Images in  
the CAVE, afford some  
very pleasing Ideas.

Here, *Madam*, YOU  
properly preside, in Point  
of Time; and who knows  
what Time may accom-  
plish in the Catastrophe!

Here, the living *Merlin*  
may admire the Beauty  
of his *Eliza*, without put-  
ting her to the Blush;  
and she may return the  
Visit by vouchsafing him,  
unknown, the unparallel'd  
Charms of a Virgin-Smile.

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Who can foresee what may happen between the *Secretary* and *Minerva*! As for Venerable *Nurse*, she will be well rewarded by holding one of *Hymen's* Tapers at either Nuptial which may be first celebrated.

These *Ænigma*, none but a *Merlin* can explain; and all the Point I have in View, *Madam*, is, publicly to acknowledge my Gratitude for a peculiar Favour received from your Family.

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E. C.



THE  
HISTORY

OF

MERLIN,

THE

Ancient British PROPHET.



SINCE this Legendary  
Story, of MERLIN the  
*Welsh* Wizard, hath  
been thought worthy  
of Royal Regard; in-  
somuch that an Edifice is now  
erected to his Memory, for the Be-  
nefit

2 *The History of MERLIN,*

nefit of honest *Stephen Duck* and his Wife ; in order therefore the better to fuit her Place, I shall *thresh-out*, from the Monkish Historians, some few short Notices ; which, as a *Necessary Woman*, she may recite to the numerous Visitors of the CAVE, more especially the Ladies.

As to the Denomination of MERLIN, our noted Countryman and eminent Lexicographer, *Stephen Skinner* \*, tells us, that it is both the Name of a *Hawk*, and of a *Fish* ; and *Florio* in his *Italian Dictionary* †, declares it to be the *Whiting*. The *French* will have the *Merleton*, and the *Toupees* of the Town the *Merkin*, to be likewise derived from *Merlin*. But to sum up

\* Vid. Etym. Ling. Ang.

† *Ital.* Merla, Merlana *idem*, q. d. Merula Piscis. *Ang.* Whiting.



up all the Honours bestowed on the Name of this Conjuror, our late departed Friend *John Partridge*, of Astrological Memory, who was not one himself, gave that of *Merlinus Liberatus* † to his Almanack, and which, it is generally thought was the chief Motive for christening this Structure ——— MERLIN'S CAVE. But, now to the MAN.

*Geoffry of Monmouth* \* reports, that he was born at *Caermarthen* in *Wales*, and lived towards the Close of the fifth Century. But that honest Chronicler *John Speed* roundly rallieth him for having adventured to divulge under the Name of *Authentique Prophecies, deceitful Conjectures, and Fore-deemings* of (saith he) *one Merlin a Wizard*.

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† i. e. *Merlin Restored*.

\* *De Rebus Gestis Anglor.*

4     *The History of MERLIN,*

However, the credulous *Monk*, above-mentioned, tells us these Stories, that, “ The renowned Prince “ *UTER PENDRAGON* went to consult *MERLIN* how he might accomplish his Wishes with that peerless Paragon of Beauty the fair Lady *IGREN*, Wife of *GORLOIS* Duke of *Cornwal*.

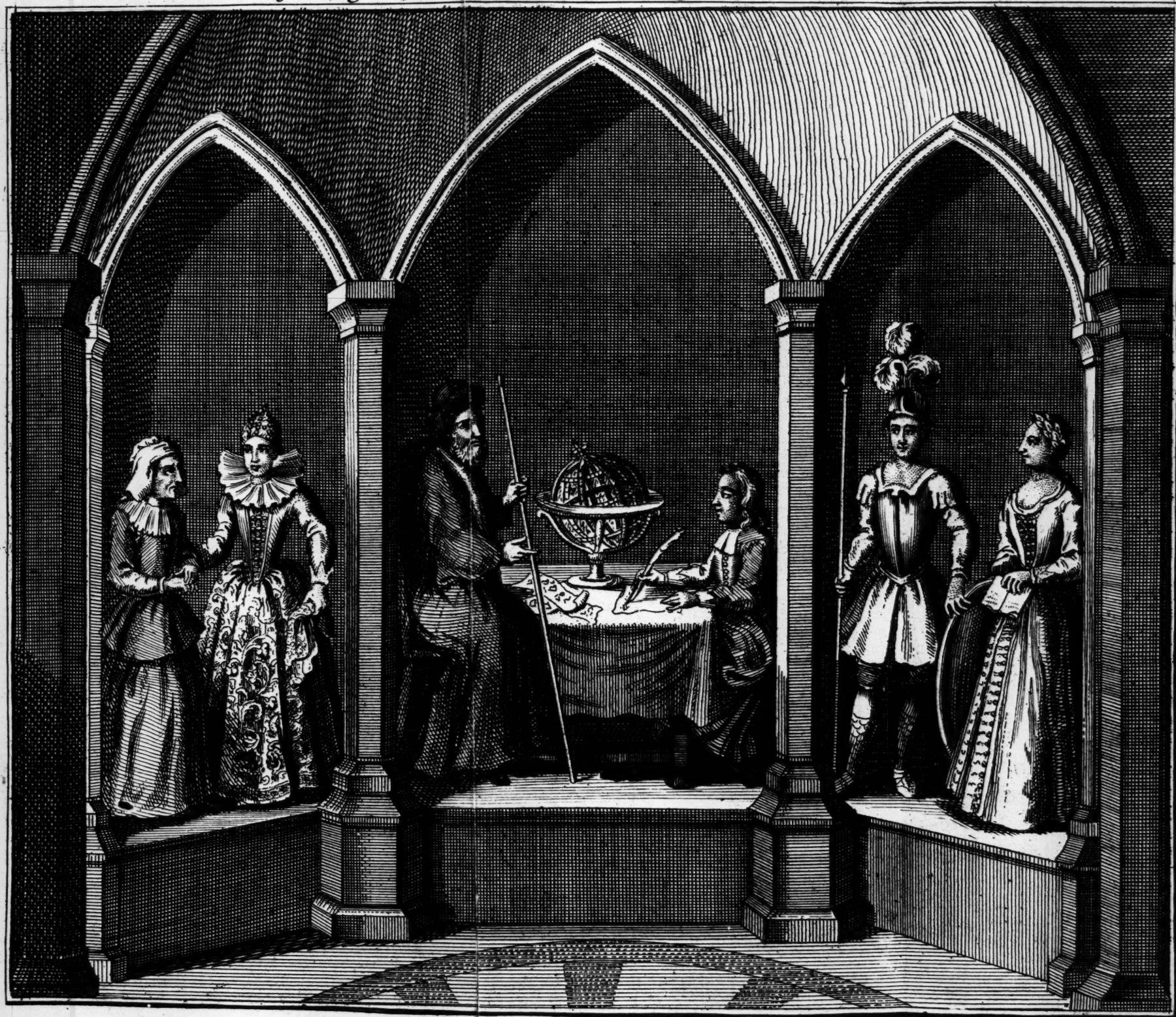
Thus, again saith *John Speed*, was this Affair “ brought to pass by *MERLIN*’s Magical Feats. “ The Wizard altogether new moulded the Shape of King *UTER*, and printed in his Face the Feature of *GORLOIS* her own Lord, by which Means, and without Suspect, the King dishonourably violated this Lady’s Chastity ; in which Bed of Deceit, the famous King *ARTHUR* was begot.

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*The Inside of the CAVE in the Royal Gardens at Richmond.*



Amidst the numerous Donations of that charitable and religious Monarch King *JOHN*, more especially the Monastery which he founded for *Nunnes*, at *Godstowe*, near *Oxford*, many have interpreted this Prophecy of *MERLIN* to be meant.

*Sith Virgine-Giftes to Maides hee gaue,  
'Amongst blessed Saints God will him saue.*

Our memorable and good old Chronicler *Ralph Holinshead* thus writeth, viz. " There was a found  
" *Welsh* Prophecy of *Merlin's*, viz.  
" as if King *HENRY* the IVth  
" were the Mowldwarpe cursed of  
" God's owne Mouthe. And the  
" Earls *Mortimer*, *Piercie*, and  
" *Glendowr*, the *Dragon*, *Lyon*  
" and *Wolfe*, which shoulde divide  
" this Realme between them.

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## 6     *The History of MERLIN,*

We are told by a learned Author \*, “ That *Merlin* is a general  
“ Name given to *Magicians* ; which  
“ takes its Rise, *says he*, from one  
“ *Merlin*, a famous *British Magi-*  
“ *cian* or *Inchanter* who flourished  
“ in the fifth Century. It is said  
“ that he was begotten by a Dæ-  
“ mon, called *Incubus*, upon the  
“ Body of an *English Lady*, who  
“ was formerly a Maid of Honour  
“ to one of the *British Queens*. ”  
So that the Public are puzzled,  
and cannot rightly understand whe-  
ther he was a MAN, or a DEVIL, but  
by this last Account, he seems to  
have had a Spice of BOTH.

However, it is no Matter who  
*Merlin* was, or from whom he was  
descended ; it is certain that he has  
given Name to this Royal CAVE,  
and

\* Voy. Dict. Trevoux, sur Artic. de MERLIN.



and it is as certain that *Stephen Duck* is the *Cave-keeper*, and his Wife, thereof, the *Necessary Woman*; and to whom we are next to pay a Visit.

In the *Royal Gardens* of *RICHMOND*, about a Mile distant from the Palace, through several fine Walks and agreeable Labyrinths (the Ground being most beautifully laid out) you arrive at

### *MERLIN's CAVE.*

The Denomination of this Place, as *Caleb D'Anvers* hath observed, is indeed an *Impropriety*, because it is a Building *above Ground* \*. It is also a thatch'd Edifice, and very Gothique. The Room is circular, supported by Wooden-Pillars, and the Walls, at present, bare. At each

\* See the Craftsman of Sat. 13 Sept. 1735.

8     *The History of MERLIN,*

each End of the Room are a few Books in three small Niches (tho' it is not doubted but that Mr. *Duck's* Library will daily increase.) The Books appear in the neat Plainness of Quakerism, being all covered with White - Vellum, and their Names written, in a legible Hand, upon their Backs. In the Middle of this Room, on the Right Hand, Mrs. *Duck* conducts you to Six waxen Images, the handy Work of Mrs. *Salmon*, all taken from the Life.

I. *Merlin* from Mr. *Ernest*, Page of the Back Stairs to the Prince of *Wales*.

II. Queen *Elizabeth*, from Miss *Paget*.

III. Her Nurse, (alias a *Witch*) from a Tradesman's Wife in *Richmond*.

IV. *Henry*

IV. *Henry the VIIth's Queen,*  
from Mrs. *Margaret Purcell.*

V. *Minerva,* from the Hon. Mrs.  
*Poyntz.*

VI. *Merlin's Secretary,* from Mr.  
*Kemp* a Youth, one of the Duke's  
Grenadiers.

The SCENE Represents,

I. *Merlin,* sitting at a Table in  
a musing Posture, with his Conju-  
ring-Wand, Books and Mathematical  
Instruments before him, his Eye  
cast towards that Shelf, in the Nich  
next him, whereon stands the Life  
and Predictions of the late celebra-  
ted *Duncan Campbell* the *North-*  
*British* Conjuror.

II. On the other Side of the Ta-  
ble a Young Lad his Secretary.

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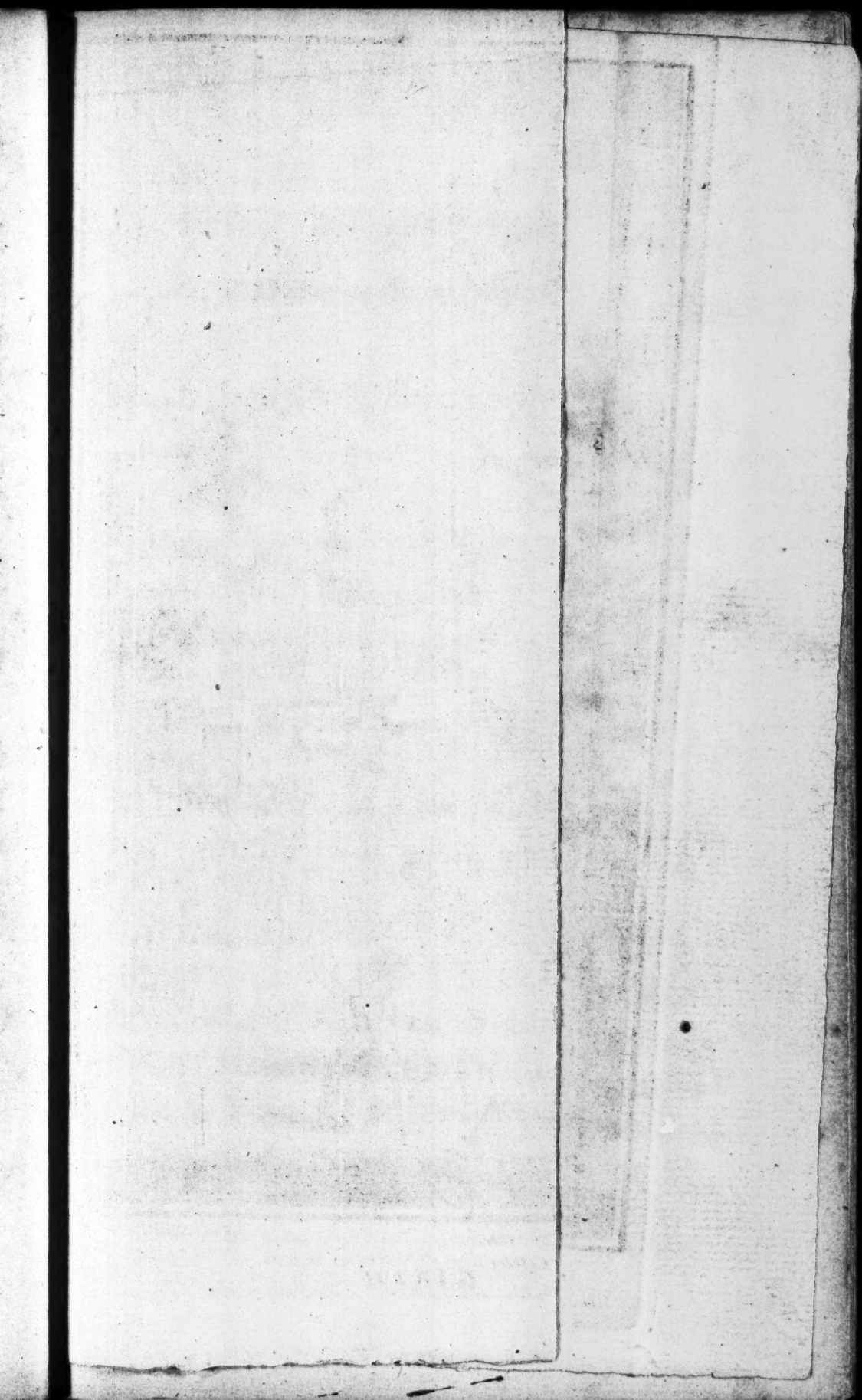
III. On the Right Hand of *Merlin* stand *Queen Elizabeth*. And

IV. Her Nurse. And over-against him,

V. *Henry* the VIIth's *Queen*. And

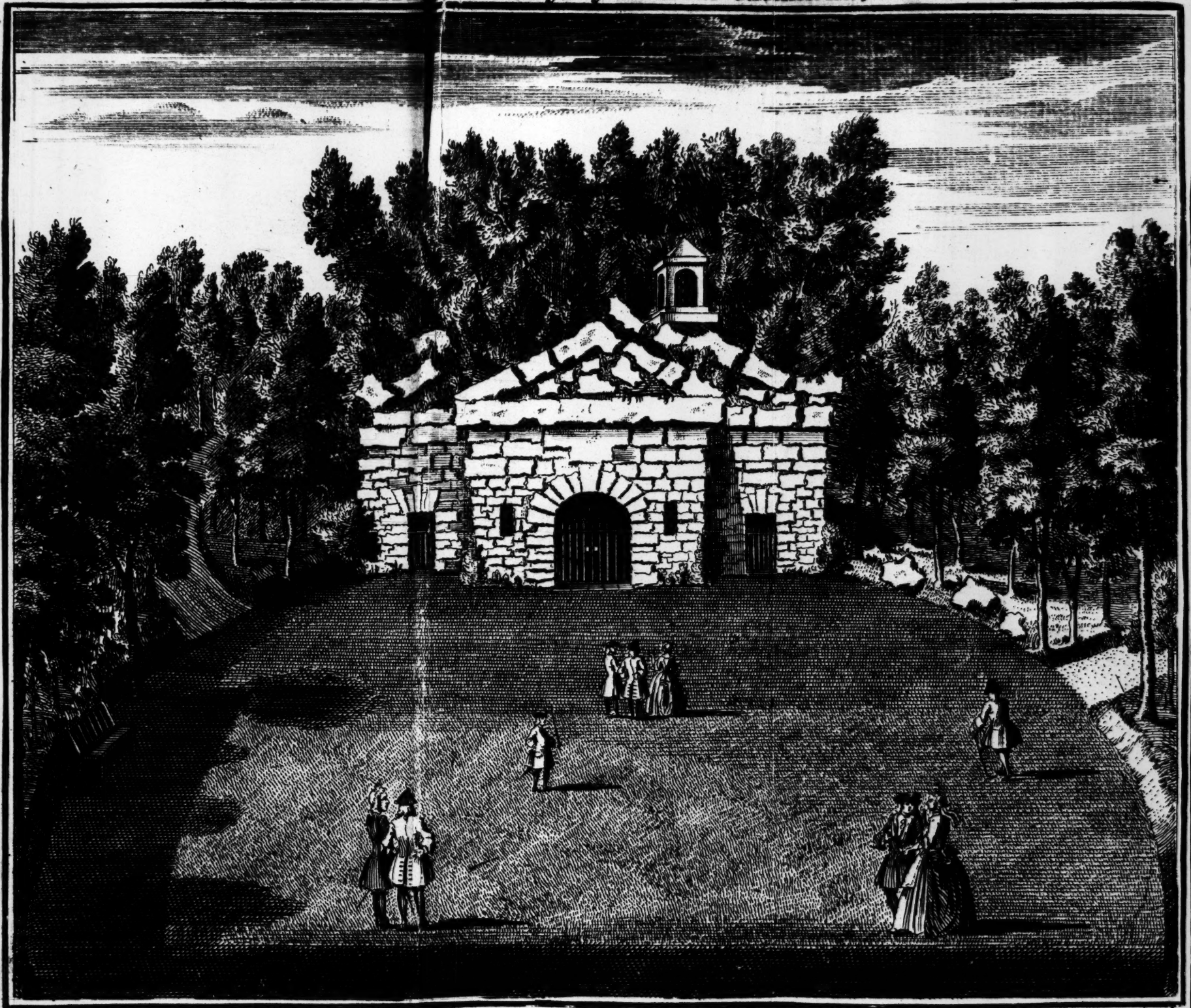
VI. *Minerva*.

Having paid our Devoirs not to *Old*, but to *Young MERLIN*, (who, by the bye, as here represented by his Molten Image in Wax, does not shew a Person of above Thirty Years of Age) and had some agreeable Chit-Chat with *Mr. Duck* (who informed us that, in Imitation of *Mr. Pope*, he too was printing his *Rustic Rimes* by Subscription) we took our Leave ; and by our Guide was conducted to *Mr. Bridgman's* Ground, in whose Territories, as a Gardener, stands,





*The HERMITAGE in the Royal Gardens at Richmond.*



*This Pile was by the Pious Patrons aim  
Rais'd for a use as noble as its Frame.*

*GARTH.*

*T. Bowles Sculp.*



THE  
HERMITAGE.

We could not help admiring the beautiful and most delightful Terras next the River *Thames*; after which, we pursued our Journey, and were led through a great Number of close Alleys, whose Hedges were neatly clipt, up to this Building; the Architecture of which, is also very Gothique, being a Heap of Stones thrown into a very artful Disorder, and curiously embellished with Moss and Shrubs, to represent *rude Nature*. The Entrance of this Pile is adorned with a Range of Iron Palisades finely gilt, near which a Person attends readily to open the Gate to all Comers. As soon as you enter you perceive in the Front a very curious Busto of the Celebrated and Honourable,

**ROBERT BOYLE, Esq;**

**Illuminated behind with Rays of  
Gold.**

**AND**

**In Niches on each Side, are placed  
the Bustoes of**

**Sir ISAAC NEWTON,**

**Mr. LOCKE.**

**Dr. CLARKE.**

**Mr. WOELLASTON.\***

\* Author of, *The Religion of Nature Delineated*; not  
*Woelfson* who wrote against the Miracles.

**VERSES**



# V E R S E S

## O N T H E H E R M I T A G E.

By STEPHEN DUCK.

**N**OW blush, *Calypso*, 'tis but  
just to yield,  
That all your *Mossy Caves* are  
here excell'd.

See how the Walls in humble Form advance  
With careless Pride, and simple Elegance ;  
See Art and Nature strive with equal Grace,  
And Fancy charm'd with what she can't  
surpass.

Flow swiftly *Thames*, and flowing still  
proclaim  
This Building's Beauty, and the Builder's  
Fame ;

Tell



Tell *Indian* Seas thy *Naiads* here have seen  
The sweetest Grotto, and the wisest  
QUEEN

Whose Royal Presence blest this humble  
Seat ;  
How small the Mansion, but the Guest  
how Great !

So Angels sat in *Canaan's* blest Abodes ;  
So Rural Shades were honour'd by the Gods :  
Here may her Soul th' Almighty's Won-  
ders trace,

Far as the Worthies who adorn the Place ;  
Whose awful Bustoës round the Grot  
appear,

The brightest Stars in Learning's Hemi-  
sphere.

Their Fathers dimly view'd the dawning  
Ray ;

They rose like Suns, and brought a Flood  
of Day.

But cease, my Muse, and cast thy won-  
d'ring Eyes

Where *Phœbus*' lofty Domes Majestic rise ;\*  
Whose

\* *Westminster* and *Eaton* Colleges.

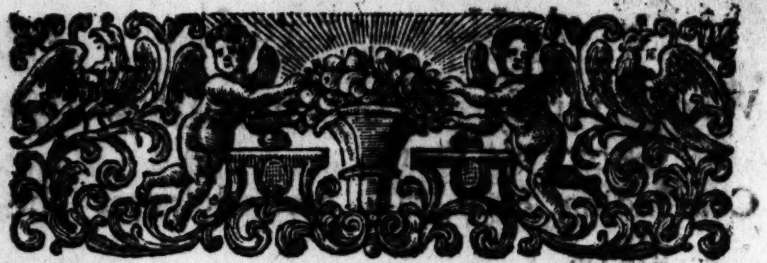
Whose tuneful Trains have sung this  
Grotto's Praise,  
Contending each, till each deserves the  
Bays.

O pardon Me, ye learned Sons of Fame,  
Who faintly, after You, attempt the Theme;  
Nor think I rival your Poetic Fires,  
My QUEEN commands, and Grati-  
tude inspires :

And you *Imperial Foundress* daign to smile,  
Nor scorn the *least*, the *latest*, Muse's Toil,  
Who brings the *tardy Off'ring* of her Lays,  
The *first* in Duty; tho' the *last* in Praise.



O Wife more happy in thy Lord alone,  
Than in the Power and Splendor of his  
Throne.



ON THE  
BUSTOES

Placed by  
Her MAJESTY

IN THE  
HERMITAGE.

Written by a LADY.



QUEEN ! more learn'd than e'er  
*Britannia* saw,  
Since our fam'd *Tudor* to these  
Realms gave Law ;  
O Wife more happy in thy Lord alone,  
Than in the Pow'r and Splendor of his  
Throne.



O Mother blest in thy Illustrious Race ;  
The Guardian Angel of our future Peace !  
O Patroness of Science ! wilt thou daign  
T' accept from thy own Sex, this artless  
Strain ?

Around thy Throne too dazling Glories  
dwell ;

Let me, most Gracious Queen, approach  
thy Cell.

Hail happy *Grotto* ! to thy blest Retreat  
Greatness retires, to be more truly Great ;  
Here, by the Sculptor's Art, are well de-  
sign'd,

BUSTOES of Men who dignify'd their  
Kind ;

*Boyle, Newton, Locke ; with Wollaston  
and Clarke,*

Those Paths illumine, Ignorance made  
dark ;

Reason and Arts ; Truths Moral and Di-  
vine ;

In their Immortal Works unclouded shine.

Resemblance the well-judging Eye delights,

And th' active Soul, to semblant Thought  
excites ;

Intent she xerts her Faculties and Pow'rs,  
Rises in Thought, in Contemplation tow'rs.

*Wisdom* and *Piety* their Beams unite  
To shine in *Boyle*, with all Conviction's  
Light ;  
Which thro' the various Works of Nature  
shows  
*God* the prime Source, whence all Perfection flows.

*Newton*, th' All-wise Creator's Works  
explores ;  
Sublimely on the Wings of Knowledge  
soars ;  
Th'establish'd Order of each Orb unfolds,  
And, God Omnipotent in All, beholds ;  
If to the dark Abyfs, or bright Abode  
He points, the View still terminates in  
God.

*Reason*, that Emanation of the Mind,  
Breaks forth in *Locke*, diffusive and refin'd.

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*the* HERMITAGE. 19

The Moral Duties *Wollaston* displays,  
Of *Nature's Laws* the firm Foundation  
lays.

In *Clarke* the Christian Purity appears,  
Reveal'd Religion he divinely clears;  
From Mists of Error, Vapours of blind  
Zeal

Which oft, her Heav'n-born Beauties,  
wou'd conceal;

From Sanguine Marks, which her pure  
Whiteness stain'd,

And All her Sacred Truths, polluted and  
profan'd.

Here Reason, Knowledge, Primogenial-  
Law,

Submit to Faith with Reverential Awe;

'Tis the Celestial Grace! must those refine,

'Tis her Impression stamps 'em All Divine.

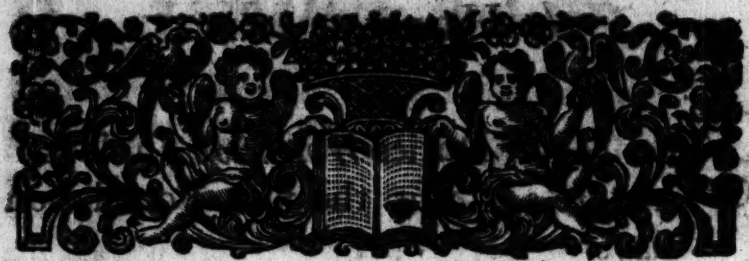
These are the WORTHIES whom our  
Glorious QUEEN

Delights to Honour, in this solemn Scene.

Here consecrates their Memory to Fame,

Uniting *Theirs*, to *Her Own* deathless  
Name.





THE  
LIFE  
AND  
PROPHEES  
OF  
MERLIN.



MERLINUS, *sirnamed* AMBROSIUS, \* although he lived in the Time of prophane Paganism, was a professed Christian, and therefore his Auguries the better to be approved and allowed :

\* The Life of *Merlin*, *sirnamed* *Ambrosius*. By *Thomas Heywood*, 4to. Lond. 1641.

allowed: For they genuinely and properly comply with the Truth of our Chronologie. He first flourished in the Time of King VORTIGERNUS the Usurper of the Crowne.

This credulous Writer averreth, That there was a Towne or Citty, called *Kaier-Merlin*, which implyes *Merlin's Towne*, or *Merlin's Burrough*, which is, no doubt, the same (*saieth he*) which we call at this Day *Marlborrow*.

MERLIN was born of a Mother, who knew not his Father: † She was Daughter to the King *Demetius*, and lived a Votaresse in a Nunnery belonging to the Church of Saint *Peter* in *Marlborrow*.

King

† He was begot by a Dæmon, as it is said, *Plato* was,

King *Vortigern* determining to build him a Castle (called *Generon*, or *Gwayneren*, on the West-Side of the River *Grana*) upon a Hill called *Cloaricus*, in *Wales*, sent for *Merlin* to consult him about the Foundation thereof.

MERLIN disclosed the Secrets of Nature, and told the King that, *in the Brest of this Hill, lay a vast Moat, or deep Poole, at the Bottom of which were two hollow Rocks of Stone, and in them two horrible DRAGONS fast sleeping.*

This, upon digging, the King found to be true; for, out of the Rocks issued two fierce and cruel DRAGONS, the one RED, the other WHITE, and made betwixt them, a violent and terrible Conflict.

*But*



*But in the End the WHITE Dragon prevailed over the RED, at which Sight the King being greatly stupified and amazed, demanded of MERLIN, What this their Combat might portend? Who fetching a deep Sigh, and Tears in abundance issuing from his Eyes, with a Prophe-tical Spirit, made him this follow-ing Answer, viz.*

MERLIN'S

*First PROPHEST.*

*Woe's me! for the Red Dragon, for alack,  
The Time is come hee hasteth to his mach:  
The bloudy Serpent, (yet whose Souls are white)  
Implies that Nation, on which thy Delight  
Was late sole-fixt, (the Saxons) who as Friends  
Came to thee first, but aiming at threwd Ends  
They shall have Power over the drooping Red,  
In which the British Nation's figured  
Drive shall hee them into Caves, Holes and Dens,  
To barren Mountains and to moorish Fens;*

Hills shall remove to where the Gallies stood,  
And all the Baths and Brooks shall flow with  
Blood;

The Worshipp of the Holy God shall cease,  
For in thilk Dayes the Kirke shall have no Peace:  
The Danims (woe the white) shall get the Day,  
And with their Idols Pawmetry beare sway;  
And yet in fine shee that was so opprest,  
Shall mount, and in the high Rocks build her Nest,  
For out of Cornwall shall proceed a Boare,  
Who shall the Kirke to pristine State restore,  
Now shall all Britaine to his Kingly Beck,  
And tread he shall on the White Dragon's Beck.

Then casting a sad Look upon  
the King, as reading his Fate in his  
Forehead, he muttered to himself  
and said,

But well-away for Thee, to Britaine deere,  
For I foresee thy sad Disaster's neere.

Which accordingly hapned, and  
that within few Years after. For  
the two Sons of *Constantine* whom  
*Vortigern* had caused to be slain,  
assisted by their neere Kinsman  
*Pudentius*, King of *Armorica*,  
passed the Sea with a compleat  
Army,

Army, landed at *Totnesse*, and soon were joined by the *Britons*.

These two Brothers, *Ambrosius Aurelius* and *Uter Pendragon*, made their speedy Expedition towards *Wales*; where *Vortigern* the Usurper was sorely besieged by them, and, in his own Castle, they burned him and all his People alive.

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## EXPLANATION

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*The foregoing PROPHECY.*

You have seen the Fall of the wicked *Vortigern*; for of him it is reported that he had *Carnal Society* with his own *Daughter*, in hopes that *KINGS* should issue from them: Thus died he most

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miserably, when he had reigned since his last Inauguration Nine Years and some odd Months: The Particulars follow, *viz.*

I. The *Red* and *White* DRAGONS figured, are the *British* and *Saxon* People.

II. The *Caverns*, *Mountains* and *Moorish* Places, &c. shew into what Distress the Natives should be driven by the *Invaders* of their Country.

III. The *Hills* and *Vallies* shifting Places, &c. shew that there is no Difference among the poor *Britons*, betwixt the Courtier and the Cottager, the Peer and the Peasant.

IV. By the *Rivers* flowing with *Blood*, &c. is foretold the many Battles which should be fought betwixt the  
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the two Nations, and that in those Days Religion, and the true Worship of God should be suppressed.

V. By *the* BOAR *which* should come out of Cornwall, and tread upon the Neck of the White DRAGON, is meant the invincible King *ARTHUR* who vanquished the Saxons, and was a great Maintainer and Exalter of the Christian Religion.

Besides the foregoing Prophecy, before his Departure from *Vortigern's* Court, *Merlin* did leave in the King's Closet this *Second* Prediction of his disastrous End, *viz.*

Fly from these feveral Fatall Fires O! King,  
which from lesse Britain the two Exiles bring:  
Now are their Ships a-rigging, now forsake,  
Th' Armozicke Shoares, and towards Albion make,  
T'avenge their murdered Brothers Bloud on Thee,  
In Tottenesse Road to morrow they will bee,

The Saxon Princes shall contend in vain,  
 For young Aurelius having Vengist slain,  
 Shall peaceably possesse the British Throne,  
 Striving the opposite Nations to atone.  
 He the true Faith shall seek t' advance on high,  
 But in the quest thereof by Poyson die;  
 The Dragon's Head, \* his Brother shall succeed,  
 And after many a brave Heroick Deed  
 By him perform'd, the Fates shall strive to wast  
 His Soul o'er Styx, by a like poysonous Draught,  
 But those who sent them to th' Elizian Bower  
 His Son, the Boare of Cornwall † shall devour.

This Prophecy needs no Comment, being so plain it self in the Success thereof: for *Arthur*, figured under the Name of *Aper Cornubiæ*, the Boar of Cornwall, was Son to *Uter Pendragon*, here called the *Head of the Dragon*.

Amongst many brave Heroical Acts done by *Aurelius Ambrosius*, after the Death of *Vortigern*, he maintained the middle Part of the Kingdom of *Britain* and *Wales*,  
 en-

\* *Uter Pendragon.*† *King Arthur.*



endeavouring to repair all the ruined Forts, Castles and Citadels ; but especially the Christian Temples, which were much defaced by the Pagan - Idolaters, causing Divine Service to be said in them, and after that, encountered the Saxons at the Hill of *Baden* or *Badove*, where he slew many of them, and utterly routed their whole Army. After which Defeat, another Saxon Prince named *Portbe*, with his two Sons, landed at a Haven in *Sussex*, from whom the Place was called *Portsmouth*. Others landed also in several Parts of the Kingdom, so that *Aurelius* was engaged with them in many Battles, and for the most part came off Conquerour.

This Prince, by the Help of *Merlin*, caused the great Stones  
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on the Plain of *Salisbury* † to be brought in a Whirlwind, in one Night, out of *Ireland*; and placed, where they now stand, in Remembrance of the *British* Lords there slain, and after buried, in the Time of the pretended Treaty, and Communication had, betwixt *Vortigern* and *Hengist*; but *Polychronicon* and some other Writers, ascribe their Transportage to his Brother *Uter Pendragon*, at whose Request to *Merlin*, that Miraculous Conveyance was performed: *Credat qui vult.*

We shall next proceed to the Noble King *Arthur*, and recite *Merlin's* Prophecy of him before his Birth,

The Cornish Boarc shall fill with his Devotion,  
The Christian World; the Islands of the Ocean  
Hee shall subdue: the Fleur de Lis's Plant  
In his own Garden, and probe Paramant.

The

† *Stonehenge.*

The two-neckt Roman Eagle hee shall make  
To flag her Plumes, and her faint feathers quake:

Pagans shall strive in vain to bend or break him:  
Who shall be Meate to all the Mouthes that speake  
him;

Yet shall his End be doubtfull: Him Six Kings  
Shall orderly succeed, but when their Wings  
Are clipt by Death, a German Worme shall rise,  
Who shall the British State Anatomise.

Him shall a Sea-wolfe, waited on by Moods,  
From Africke brought, to passe Saint George's  
Floods,

Advance on high: then shall Religion faile,  
And then shall Londons-Clergie Honour vaile  
To Dozobernia: hee that Seventh shall sit

In th' Eboracensick See, hee forc'd to flit  
Into Armozica: Menetia sad

Shall with the Legion Cities Pall be clad;  
And they that in thilk Dayes shall live, may see  
That All these Changes in the Birke shall bee.

## EXPLANATION.

I. Here, by the renowned King  
*ARTHUR's shaking off the Eagle's  
Feathers*; was meant his great Vic-  
tory over the *Romans*: who when  
their Prince *LUCIUS* with Ten  
other



other Kings invaded *Britain* with a very numerous Host, most of them King *ARTHUR* slew, and acquitted the Payment of the *Roman* Tribute-Money which had been excised from the Time of *JULIUS CÆSAR*. He likewise got the Sovereignty over many Provinces subjugate to the *Roman* Empire, and sent the dead Body of *LUCIUS*, slain in Battle, back to *Rome*, there to be interred.

II. What is said of his *Name being Meat to all the Mouths that should speak of Him*, was meant no other, but that the very Relation of his Noble Atchievements should be a Refreshing and Delight to all such as heard of them.

III. It being said that, his *End should be doubtful*; this Prediction hath been most undoubtfully verified,

fied, for the various Reports which Historians have given us, render the Manner of it *doubtful* even unto this Day.

IV. *The Six Kings who succeeded him*, were, I. *CONSTANTINE* the eldest Son of *CADOR*, Duke of *Cornwall*, and *ARTHUR*'s Cousin German. II. Was *CONSTANTINE*'s Brother. III. *CONANUS AURELIUS*, their Nephew. IV. *VORTIGORIUS*. V. *MALGO*. VI. *CARETIUS*.

When King *ARTHUR* in that great Battle wherein he discomfited and slew his Cousin the Arch - Traytor *Mordred* (himself being mortally wounded) had retired into the Vale of *Avelan* (which it is said was the Place of his Death although the Manner of

it be uncertainly related) he sent for his Cousin *Constantine* and made him King; against whom the Saxons assisted by the two Sons of *Mordred*, assembled themselves, he defeated them in fundry Battles. The *Elder* Son of *Mordred*, who had fortified *Winchester*, he took in the Church of Saint *Amphibalus*, whither he had fled for Sanctuary, and slew him before the Altar. The *Younger* Son he found hid in a Monastery in *London*, whom he caused likewise to be slain, *A. C.* 543. But in the third Year after, he was perfidiously betrayed to Death by the Contrivance of his Nephew *Conanus Aurelius*, and his Body Royally interred in Mount *Ambria*, near unto that of *Uter Pendragon*.

V. What is herein said of *The German Worm, and the SEA WOLF*  
waited



*waited on by Woods brought from Africa, through Saint GEORGE'S Channel, to support him; are figured, the Saxons (in the Worm) and (in the Wolf) GORMONDUS King of Africa, who in the Time of CARETIUS came with a mighty Navy into the British Seas.*

VI. And lastly, *Religion shall fail, saith our Prophet. This happened when Gormondus with the Saxons destroyed all Religious Houses, and Churches, insomuch, that if a Christian Native shewed his Head, he was subject to Persecution and Torture. It follows in the Prophecy, that the Honour of London's Clergy should give place to Dorobernia or Canterbury; That the Seventh who sate in the Eboracensian or York See, should be compelled to fly into Armorica or Little Britain; and that Menevia should be adorned with*

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*the Pall that belonged to the City of Legions; by these are meant the Three Archbishopricks of London, York, and Canterbury, to which latter, that of the former was transferred by Saint Augustine, whom Pope Gregory sent hither with others, to preach the Gospel; He also gave the Primacy of the City of Legions to Menevia a City of Wales. The Seventh Archbishop of York was named Sampson, who in that great Persecution made by the Africans and the Saxons, with Six of his Brothers, all Clergymen, of great Sanctity of Life, fled into Armorica, and there established his Metropolitan See. He made his Six Brothers Rectors of other Churches; who also in a short Time became capable of the Episcopal Dignity.*

*These*

These *Seven Bretheren*, not only the Natives of the Country, but all the bordering Provinces, called the *SEVEN SAINTS of Britain*. They are said to have been the Issue of two noble Parents, and whose Mother, after a mature Teeming-Time, was delivered of them, All, in one Day.

MERLIN'S Fourth PROPHECY.

The Heavens instead of Water, Bloud shall shower,  
And Famine shall both young and old devour :  
Droop, and be sad, shall the Red Dragon then,  
But after mickle Time be blithe agen.

And now the Serpent that was white before,  
Shall have his Silber-Scales all drench'd in Gore:  
Seven Scepter-bearing-Kings in Field shall die,  
One of whose sainted-Souls shall pierce the Sky.  
Kept shall the Babes be, from their Mother's  
Tombs,

And soon as climbe on Earth, grope for their  
Tombs.

All by a brazen-Man shall come to passe,  
Who, likewise mounted on his Steed of Brasse  
Both Night and Day will London's prime Gate  
keep

Whether the careless People wake, or sleep.

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## EXPLANATION.

When *CADWALLO* was King of this Island, the 13th Monarch from *BRUTE*, it rained Bloud for three Days successively; after which followed great Swarms of infectious Flies, from whose Bitings or Stingings there was great Mortality in this Land.

I. The *Shower of Bloud*, mentioned in this Prophecy farther intimates the *great Effusion of Bloud lost among the Britons*, and from whence that Nation was figured under the *Red Dragon*: This Kingdom much drooped until after great Sufferance and Labour, it was restored to its pristine State and Dignity: for *Cadwallo* in 633, after many horrid Crosses, Disasters, Expulsion from his Kingdom, and the Loss of his whole  
In-

Inheritance, was forced with a few of his Followers, that remained of his many Legions, to retire into *Armorica*, or *Little Britain*, unto his Cousin King *Solomon*, who afforded him a most friendly Reception; and, in the following Spring furnished him with an Army of ten thousand able Men, with whom he safely and prosperously arrived in these his own Native and Hereditary Provinces; and hearing that *PÆANDA* King of *Mercia*, or *Middle England*, had besieged his Cousin *BRIANT* in *Exeter*, with those poor Remainder of *Britons* which he had left behind, he not only removed the Siege, but took the King Prisoner; who, after having given him sufficient Hostages for his Truth and Fidelity, gave him also his only Daughter to Wife, and made him General of his Army.

After

After which, *CADWALLO* recalling all his exiled Subjects, raised a very considerable Army, and invaded *Northumberland* with Fire and Sword; of which *EDWIN* was then King, who assembling to his Aid all the *Reguli* (or petty Kings) gave him a strong encounter, in which his whole Army was discomfited, and Himself slain in the Field.



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as your Neighbour  
POPE, thus sings,

*In the good Days of Ghostly Ignorance,  
How did Cathedrals rise, and Holy Zeal  
advance?*

*The merry Monks said Oraisons at ease,  
Large were their Meals, and light their  
Penances.*

*But now, that pious Pageantry's no more,  
For Stages thrive as Churches did before.\**

Thus varies the *Present*,  
from the Scene in MER-  
LIN'S Days; a Continua-  
tion of whose *Supernatu-  
ral Endowments*, I here  
lay before you.

So surprizing was our  
Prophet's Birth, that his  
Mo-

\*Dr. GARTH's Prologue at the Opening of the QUEEN'S  
Theatre in the Hay-Market.



Mother declared to King *Vortigern*, she did not know his *Father*; a *Modern Precedent* may help to explain this *Mystery*; which, for your *Information*, I shall faithfully relate, *viz.*

A beautiful young Lady in *Leicestershire*, alike tempting both in Person and Purse, became the fond Object of many Admirers; she was inflexible as to Marriage; yet, luckily for him who was the most ardent of her Lovers, she proved with Child.

Being greatly amazed, at the Internal Movements she felt; and wholly innocent of any *Carnal Con-*

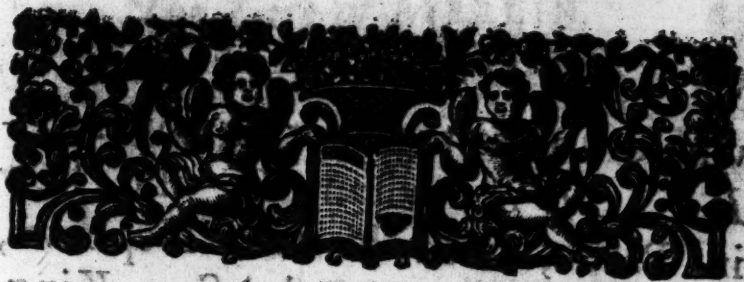
*Contact*, and very pious withal; she sent to her Parochial Priest, desired him to request the Prayers of the Congregation, and to offer a handsome Gratitude to any Person who could discover the Indignity she had sustained.

Upon this, the Gentleman whose Issue she teem'd with, instantly confessed to the Priest, that *Cupid* giving him Notice when she lay asleep one Summer-Afternoon upon her Couch; he readily laid hold of the Opportunity, unlock'd her Virgin-Casket, and left her this Pledge of his most sincere Affection. The  
News

News being conveyed to the Lady, and her Lover in the highest Extasy, a happy Conjunction of *Hymen* and *Venus* soon after ensued, and many were the *Epithalamiums* on this Occasion.

Why might not this have been the Case of our *Royal Nun* ? But, a farther Discussion of this Point I must defer till the next Opportunity: when I will produce the Evidence of *Merlin's Mother*, and consider, in all its Circumstances, the *Efficacy* of a *Spiritual Compression*; by which Means, only, she declared our Prophet came into the World. E. C.





THE  
LIFE  
OF  
MERLIN.

The Second Part.



**DWINUS** being  
slain in Battle, to him  
succeeded his Son **AF-**  
**FRICUS**, assisted  
by **CHALDODUS**,  
Duke of the *Orcades*. Now **CAD-**  
**WALLO**, not contented with  
his former Victories, gathered his  
G whole

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whole Forces together against *AF-  
FRICUS*, whom he also slew  
in Battle, with his two Nephews,  
and *CADAMUS* the Scots King,  
who came to take part with the  
*Northumbers*: which done, he  
passed through all the Kingdom,  
and was so highly enraged against  
the Saxons, that he spared neither  
Age nor Sex, resolving totally to  
extirpate the Saxon Race.

Thus you see the Red Dragon,  
namely the British Nation, after  
much Dejection, exalted; and,

II. The Scales of the White Ser-  
pent, i. e. the Saxons stained in  
sanguine Tincture by a general Mas-  
sacre.

III. Seven scepter-bearing Kings  
shall be slain in the Field, of which  
one of them shall be slain. Seven  
Kings

Kings were slain by *CADWALLŌ*  
and his Father-in-Law *PŌANDA*  
viz.

*Edwinus* (his Son) *Offricus* and  
*Ofwaldus*, who were three Kings of  
*Northumberland*. *Segebertus*, *Egri-*  
*cus* and *Anna*, who reigned over  
the Oriental Britons and *Cadarnius*  
the Scots King. Among these *Of-*  
*waldus* was the Saint spoken of,  
whose Sanctity, and other pious  
Virtues, are in our Chronicles large-  
ly described. At length he was  
slain in the Field, but, for his nu-  
merous Alms-Deeds, was after his  
Death canonized a Saint in the  
Year of our Saviour, 644.

IV. By the brazen Man mounted  
on a Steed of Brass, who is said to  
do all these Feats, is *antonomastice*  
meant King *CADWALLŌ*, to  
honour whom after his Death for  
G. e. his



his many brave Victories, and expelling the Saxons out of the Land, his Statue, cast in Brass, was set up on Horseback.

10 They likewise, in his Buckler intombed his embalmed Body, and after set it upon the prime Gate of the City of *London*; and near unto the same, in farther Memory of him, built a Church dedicated to Saint MARTIN \*; therefore, saith MERLIN, *The Brazen Horse, and Man, shall watch the Gate, whether the People wake or sleep.*

Thus in every respect hath this Prophecy been fulfilled, and the Prophet held in high Veneration, and in a justly deserved Esteem.

MERLIN in all his Prophecies aimeth at a continued History of the main

\* Saint Martin's Ludgate.

main Passages in this Isle of *Britain*, and doth here in his *Fifth* Prophecy foretell, The Civil Wars that should happen in the Time of *Cadwallo*. The great Dearth and Desolation in the Reign of *Cadwal-loder*. The *Saxons* exalting themselves; and, The first coming of the *Danes* into this Land.

The Crimson Dragon with his own fierce Patos,  
Shall tear his proper Bowels 'gainst the Latos:  
Of withollom Nature, Plague and famine then  
Shall fill the barren Earth with Shrowds of Men.  
After, the Dragon whose smooth Scales are white,  
Wither the Almans Daughter shall invite,  
And crown themselves: 'Gainst whom shall rise  
An Eagle from the Rock, and both surprize,  
Two Lyons shall a dreadful Combatt make,  
Having their Lists incompass by a Lake.  
At length be atton'd: and after shall divide  
The glorious Prey; a speckled Snake whose Pride  
Shall ayne at high Things: will his Lord betray,  
Poys'ning the Royal Pest in which he lay  
Of the white Dragon, so the fates agree,  
At length a Declamation there shall bee:  
At that Time the Red shall to his Top behold  
The Rooses of all his Temples deckt with Gold.

## EXPLANATION.

I. By the *Crimson DRAGON*, is, still, meant *England*; which, after the Death of *Cadwallo*, being tired with Peace, for want of Foreign Enemies, fell into Civil Dissentions among themselves: Upon which ensued Plague, Famine, and Pestilence among them. This happened in the *third* and last Year of *Cadwalloder*, 686. He was the last King of the *Britons*, after whom the *Saxons*, or *Angles*, had the full Dominion thereof, which maketh good the *Second Article*, that,

II. *The White DRAGON shall invite the Alman's Daughter*, (which implieth a greater Supply of the *German Nation*) and crowne themselves.

For



For, from that Time, they bare the Scepter, and had the absolute Jurisdiction over the whole Land.

III. Let us pass over all the *Saxon* Kings to the Time of *Ethelred*, in whose Days *Swanus* King of *Denmark* did rise. This was the Eagle from the Rock, which, was foretold, should surprize both the *Saxons* and the *Germans*.

The better to explain this Article, be pleased to know that *Ethelred* was Son of King *Edward*, by his second Wife *Alfrida*, by some called *Estrild*, who when he came to be crowned by *Dunstane* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, he could not contain himself, but with a Prophetical Spirit uttered these Words: viz. *Because by the Blood-slaughter of thy Brother, thou hast aspired to the Kingdom; the Sin of thy most wicked*

*ked and mischievous Mother shall never be expiated, nor any who were of her Diabolical Counsel, but by the greatest Effusion of the Saxon Blood, that ever was shed since their first coming into Britain; nay farther, the beginning of thy Reign shall be cruel; the middle thereof miserable; and the End shameful. Which accordingly happened.*

The *Danes*, at length, invaded this Kingdom, and amongst many other Exactions which they enforced the *Britons* to bear, the Tribute paid unto them was raised from *Ten Thousand Pounds*, to *Forty Thousand*, and this was called *Dane-Gelt*. They, yet, not satisfied; to add to the former, the *British* Peers were so hollow-breasted, or false to each other; that, when they were at any time assembled, and had formed any Resolution detrimental to the  
*Danes,*

*Danes*, some amongst them betrayed their Resolves, of whom were most suspected *Elphricus* and *Edricus*, which last, is meant by the Snake in this Prophecy.

The Land, besides other Distresses, continued under this *Tribute*; but the King by the Advice of his best Friends, married *Emma*, the Daughter of *Richard* the Third Duke of *Normandy*, by which Match he was greatly animated and assisted; thus aided by his Father-in-Law, he sent into all the Towns, Cities and Villages, secret and severe Commissions, charging the Magistrates upon the Night succeeding the Day of Saint BRICE, that all the *Danes* should be murdered in their Beds, the Execution whereof they committed to their Concubines, and this Act was, to the Honour



Honour of the Women strictly performed,

This general Massacre of the Danes began at a little Town in \* Hertfordshire, twenty-four Miles from London, *Wearwin*, taking its Name therefrom; as if the *Weal* or *Welfare* of their Country, first took its Rise in that Place.

The Anniversary of Saint Brion happening that Year upon a Monday, is to this Day called *Hoc* or *Hop-Monday*, intimating this Act; from the *Lozin* Word *Hoc*, or from an old Proverb, that, on this Day, the Danes *HOP*T without their *HEADS*.

IV. After the Danish Massacre, *Swamus* King of Denmark, the Eagle above mentioned, with his broad Wings soared over the whole Kingdom,

\* Commonly called *Welling*.

dom, made Prey in every Province thereof, and in the End took from the White DRAGON (i. e. the Saxons) both Crown and Scepter after they had held the Sovereignty throughout many Successions.

The King fearing the continual Persecution of the Danes, first sent Emma his Queen, with his two Sons Alfred and Edward, to Richard the Fourth Duke of Normandy, who was her Natural Brother, of which when Swamus had Notice, he grew inflamed with greater Pride and Insolence; and among other of his Tyrannies, fired the City of Canterbury, and slew nine hundred Religious Persons (tything them, viz. killing Nine and saving the Tenth) with eight thousand Women and Children, and because the Reverend Bishop Elphigus would not, or could not pay him down three thousand

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Pounds, he kept him Prisoner seven Months, and afterwards caused him to be stoned to Death at *Greenwich*. This Tyrant *Swamus*, likewise, wheresoever he came, caused all the Women to be defloured, as well the Religious as Others. He also robbed the Shrine of Saint *Edmund*, not leaving any Cruelty, which could be named, unperformed. At length, upon the Day of the *Purification* of the *Blessed Virgin*, in the Year 1014, after three Days most hideous Howling and Crying, he died in the most miserable manner. He was succeeded by his Son *Canutus*. Two Years after, King *Adelfred* died at *London*, and was buried in the Church of Saint *Paul*; to whom succeeded his Son *Edmund*, surnamed *Ironside*, and these two Princes were the two *Lions* mentioned in this Prophecy. Many bloody Battles were fought betwixt



twixt *Canutus* and *Edmund*; but their Differences were decided by a single Duel, which was fought in an Isle called *Olkney* near *Gloucester* encompassed by the River *Severn*, being the *Lake* alluded to, which was to surround the *Lists* of the *Lyon's Combat*.

In this Conflict both the Princes were dangerously wounded, when retiring for Breath, by the first Motion of *Canutus*, they embraced each other as Brothers, to the great rejoycing of both their Armies.

After which, they made an equal Partition of the Kingdom, and *Canutus* married *Emma* the Mother of *Edmund*; but the SNAKE *Edricus*, who had not only been pardoned for his former Treasons, but likewise was made Earl of *Kent*; notwithstanding this he corrupted his  
Son

Son then attending him, and as he was easing Nature, stuck him with a Spear into the Fundament, of which Wound he soon after died at Oxford. But for this, *Edricus* met a Traytor's just Reward, *Canutus* ordering his Head to be cut off, and set upon the highest Gate in London, and his Body was thrown into the Thames. Thus was the Snake's aiming at high things, and poisoning the Royal Nest wherein he lay, fulfilled, *Edricus* having been one of King *Edward's* greatest Favourites.

*Canutus* being now sole Monarch of England, the *White* DRAGON was forced to stoop to the Eagle, i. e. the Saxons were compelled to be subject to the Danes, by whom they were so miserably oppressed, that scarce a Tenth Part of them were left in the Land, and those who remained were forced to tythe their Goods,

Goods, and pay it as a Tribute to the *Danes*, this accomplished the *Decimation* which was to be.

*Canutus* at length became King of *Denmark* on the Death of *Swanus*; he was greatly beloved by his Subjects, being a Prince of rare Virtues, very charitable and devout: he also repaired many Churches and Cathedrals, causing them to be richly beautified, gilding their Altars and Roofs with Gold, herein prophesied, as what the Red Dragon was to behold with Joy.

King *Canutus* died at *Shaftesbury*, and was buried at *Winchester*, after reigning *Nineteen Years*; leaving two Sons, *Harold* (farnamed for his Swiftnes in running *Harefoot*) and *Hardy-Canutus*, whom in his Life-time he caused to be crowned King of *Denmark*, and *Harold* succeeded



ceeded his Father in the Crown of  
*England.*

## **MERLIN'S Sixth Prophecy of Hardy-Canutus and Earl Godwyn.**

**I**N the Beginning of the Reign of  
King *HAROLD*, the Legiti-  
macy of his Birth was disputed;  
more especially by Earl *Godwyn*, a  
Man of a very turbulent Spirit, and  
who endeavoured to the utmost of  
his Power to dethrone him, and to  
have placed the Crown on his Bro-  
ther's Head. But *Leofricus* whom  
the King much loved, by the As-  
sistance of the *Danes*, opposed  
*Godwyn*, and his Son, so that they  
were in all their Projects totally de-  
feated.

*HAROLD*

*HAROLD* was no sooner settled in the Throne, than he plundered that pious and good Lady *EMMA*, his Mother-in-Law, of all her Jewels, and banished her the Kingdom. She retired to *BALDWIN* Earl of *Flanders*, who gave her a noble Reception, and with whom she continued all *HAROLD*'s Reign, which was but short and worthless; for in Three Years and a few Months, he died at *London*, some say at *Oxford*, issueless; leaving his Brother *Hardy-Canutus* to be his Successor.

*HARDY-CANUTUS* the Dane, Son of *Canutus* and *Emma*, began his Reign 1041. He was of so cruel a Disposition, that he was no sooner settled in the State, but he sent *Alphricus*, Archbishop of *York*, and Earl *Godwyn* to *Westminster*, to take up the Body of his  
I Brother,

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Brother; and, having severed the Head therefrom, threw it into the River *Thames*. This he gave out was for rifling and exiling his Mother *Emma*, whom he sent for back into *England*. He also revived the almost forgotten exorbitant Tax called *Dane-Gelt*, which he spent in riotous Living, and the most extravagant Excesses; of whom MERLIN thus Prophecied, *viz.*

*The foregoing PROPHECY continued.*

And Helluo then, with open Jaws shall yawn,  
Debouring even till Midnight from the Dagon;  
And he an Hydra with Seven-Heads shall Grace,  
Glad to behold the Ruin of his Race.  
And then upon the Neustrian Bloud shall prey,  
Etyhing-them, by the Pole (now well away)  
Burst shall he, after gorg'd with Human Bloud,  
And leabe his Name in part of the Salt Floud.  
Iron-Men, in Wooden-Tents, shall here arrive,  
And hence the Saxons with her Eglets dize, &c.

HAROLD



*HAROLD* minding nothing but Riot and Excess, committed the whole Rule of the Land to *Emma* and Earl *Godwyn* (who had married the Daughter of *Ganutus*, by his first Wife *Elgina*) by whose Misconduct the State was greatly disordered.

Earl *Godwyn* had, by his *first* Wife, but one Son, who was by the Kick of an Horse thrown into the *Thames* and Drowned. His Mother was shortly after struck Dead by Lightning. She was of such an incontinent Life, that she prostituted Virgins and young Women, to make base and Mercenary Uses of their Bodies. He married a *second* Wife, by whom he had six Sons, viz. *Swanus, Harold, Tostius, Wilnothus, Syrtbe* and *Leofricus*. Also a Daughter named *Goditha*,  
I 2 who

who married King *EDWARD* the Confessor.

*Hardy-Canutus* wholly devoted to all Voluptuousness, being at a Feast in *Lambeth*, in the midst of his Mirth and Jollity, drinking a Carouse, out of a Bowl Elbow-Deep, fell suddenly down, and speechless for the Space of eight Days, at the End whereof he expired, on the 8th Day of *June*, after the short Reign of but two Years, leaving no Issue.

He was buried near his Father, at *Winchester*, and by his Death, the Bloud of the *Danes* became totally extinct in this Land.

A Stop being at length put to the cruel Persecutions of the *Danes*, which from their first Arrival, had continued near the Space of 260 Years.

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By *Helluo*, in this *Sixth* Prophecy, was meant *Hardy-Canutus*, so characterized from the notorious Gluttony to which that Prince was addicted. In the first Year of his Reign, the two Sons of *Egelredus* and *Emma*, named *Alured* and *Edward*, returned from *Normandy* into *England*, to pay their Mother a Visit, and were attended in a very princely Manner.

Upon their Arrival, Earl *Godwyn*, the subtle *Seven-headed HYDRA* herein pointed at, began to plot a Match between one of these Princes and his only Daughter *Goditha*; but finding *Alured* the Eldest to be of an high and haughty Spirit, and would think himself dishonoured by so mean an Alliance; the Earl therefore imagined by supplanting him, he might strike up a Marriage between



between the Lady and his younger Brother, who was of a much more flexible Disposition. To compass which, he pretended to the King and Council, that it might prove dangerous to the State, to suffer so many *Normans* to enter the Land without License.

Upon which being invested with Authority from the King, with whom he was greatly in Favour, and strongly accompanied by an armed Force; meeting these two Princes with their Attendants, he attacked them as utter Enemies, killing the greatest Part of them in the first Encounter; and having surprized the rest at a Place called *Guil-Downe*, he Tythed them, saving only *One* in *Ten*, destroying all the rest; then Tything the Survivors again, he put them to the most cruel Deaths; as winding  
their

their Guts out of their Bellies with other exquisite Tortures. He then caused the Eyes of the eldest Prince to be pulled out, and sent him to a religious House in *Ely*, where he shortly after died. The younger Prince he preserved as an Husband for his Daughter, and sent him to his Mother Queen *Emma*.

This fulfilled that Part of the Prophecy wherein it is said, that *HELLUO* (i. e. *Hardy-Canutus*) should grace *HYDRA* (i. e. Earl *Godwyn*) and gladly behold the Ruin of his Race; nay farther, that *Hydra* should prey upon the Neustrian Blood, and Tythe them by the Pole, &c.

Queen *Emma* being very unwilling to trust the Life of the only Son she had now left, to the merciless and cruel Tyranny of Earl *Godwyn*,

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*Godwyn*, sent him back into *Nor-*  
*mandy*.

But Fate had so ordered his For-  
tune, that in a short Space his Fa-  
ther *Hardy-Canutus* dying, He was  
sent for over again to take Possession  
of his just and lawful Inheritance,  
wherein which he was inthroned  
*Anno 1043*, and soon after mar-  
ried to *Goditha*; by some called  
*Edithe*, only Daughter of Earl  
*Godwyn*.

All Writers affirm, that he lived  
with this Lady without having any  
Carnal Society; 1. *Whether it were*  
*in hatred of her Kindred, being by*  
*her Father's Power compelled to this*  
*Match*; or, 2. *Whether it was that*  
*he had, by some private Vow, wholly*  
*devoted Himself to Chastity*; are  
*Conjectures left undetermined.*

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In the Beginning of King *Edward's* Reign, his Mother Queen *Emma* was accused of having too much Familiarity with *Alwin* Bishop of *Winchester*; wherefore the King, through the Advice of his Father-in-Law, Earl *Godwyn*, seized upon her Jewels, and put her under close Confinement in the Abbey of *Worwell*; and the Bishop was committed to the Custody of the Clergy. But *Emma* more sorrowing for *Alwin's* Defamation than her own, wrote unto divers of the Bishops to do them Justice; affirming that she was ready to undergo any Tryal whatsoever, to give the World Satisfaction of her Innocence. The Bishops most earnestly petitioned the King that their Cause might have a speedy, just, and legal Hearing; but *Robert* Archbishop of *Canterbury* interposed and  
10501 K said,

said, that if *Emma* would agree to go Barefoot upon nine red-hot Plow-shares, walking over *four* of them to clear herself, and over the remaining *five* to clear the *Bishop*, they should both of them be deemed wholly Innocent of the Adultery whereof they stood accused.

To this *Emma* readily consented, and the Day of her *Purgation* being assigned, the King in Person, and many of his Nobles were present thereat. *Emma* was Hood-winked, and led to the Place where the nine Plow-shares lay glowing Hot; and having passed over them all unhurt, she said, Good God, when shall I come to the Place of my *Purgation*? When they unbound her Eyes, and she saw that she had endured the Penance, tho without any Sense of Pain, she kneeled down, and gave Thanks to the Protector

rector of Chastity and Innocence. Upon seeing this, the King greatly repented him of his Credulity, restoring the Riches he had taken from her, and asking of her Forgiveness and Blessing.

The Archbishop *Robert* who was once a Monk in *Normandy*, fled back into his own Country, and was no more seen in *England* after.

After many Insolencies against the King committed by Earl *Godwyn* and his Sons, they were obliged to fly their Country, and were by Parliament proclaimed Outlaws and Rebels.

Two Years afterwards *WILLIAM*, the Bastard Duke of *Normandy*, came to pay a Visit to King *Edward* the Confessor, most nobly attended; and thro great Intercession



made by his Friends, Earl Godwyn and his two Sons were restored.

Not long after, upon an *Easter Monday*, Earl Godwyn dining with the King at *Windsor*, it happened that the Cup-bearer stumbled but recovered himself from a Fall; at which the Earl laughed heartily, and said; one Brother helped the other, meaning that one Leg had supported the other from falling. So, said the King, *might my Brother Alfred have helped and supported me, had it not been for Earl Godwyn; who taking the King's severe and just Reprimand, relating to his Brother's Death: thinking to excuse himself, said; So may I safely swallow this Morsel of Bread in my Hand, as I am innocent of that Deed.* But here was he overtaken by the Divine Vengeance; for, in swallowing thereof, he was instantly  
Choked.

Choked. Upon which his Majesty commanded him to be dragged from the Table. His vile Body was interred at *Winchester*. And in process of Time, all his Lands in *Kent* were swallowed up by the Sea; upon whose dangerous Shelves and Quickfands, many Thousands have been lost. They are called *Earl Godwyn's* (or, the *Goodwin*) *Sands*, even until this Day. And herein is verified that Part of the Prophecy which saith, *That the HYDRA would burst, after being gorged with human Blood; and leave his Name inrolled in the salt Waves.*

*King EDWARD the Confessor*, after having reigned almost twenty four Years Died. He was buried, at *Westminster-Abbey*, which he had much beautified and repaired.

*HAROLD,*

*HAROLD*, Second Son of Earl *Godwyn*, succeeded to the Throne 1046. At the Beginning of his Reign he was invaded by the *Danes*, but got the better of them, and was puffed up with this great Victory.

*WILLIAM* Duke of *Normandy*, at length arrived; and among sundry Reasons alledged in Behalf of his *Invasion*, one was, that he came to revenge the Banishment of Archbishop *Robert*, relating to the Accusation of Queen *Emma*; with which he charged *Harold* as the sole Animator of his Exile.

Herein was fulfilled the last Particular of this Prophecy of the *Arrival of Iron-Men in Wooden-Tents* who should drive the *Saxons* with the *Eaglets* out of this Land. The *Normans* wearing *Iron-Casks* and  
Corsets,



*Crosets*, and came over in their *Wooden Tents*, i. e. navigable Vessels.

In *HAROLD*, the Blood of the *White Dragon*, or *Saxons*, became extinct. The *Eaglets* also (the Brood of *Swans*) who in that Princely Bird, the *Eagle* were so emblemized.

Upon Duke *William's* Invasion, *Harold* was in the *North*, and, leaving those Parts, he sent Spies into his Host to discover his Strength, refusing all Offers made by Duke *William*. Their Armies at last engaged in *Sussex*, the Conflict was exceeding violent, infomuch that Duke *William* had Three Horses slain under him; but in the End, *Harold* being shot into the Eye with an Arrow, fell down dead in the Field. He was buried at *Waltham*, and in him ended the Race of the *Saxons*.

*Saxons.* In Commemoration of this Victory was built a Monastery called *Battle-Abbey*, which beareth the Name until this Day.

After this, All submitted to Duke *William*, paid him Homage, surnamed him the *Conquerour*, and crowned him King of *England* on *Christmas-Day*, 1069.

### MERLIN'S Seventh PROPHECY concerning him.

He, that Iron Nation, who leads forth for Prey,  
shall finde full Spoile, and where he feeds will stay;

Suppressing the Red-Dragon for a Space.

Then shall arise two Dragons from his Race:

One, aims at, but attains not his Desire.

By Envy's Dart the other shall expire.

The Lyon next, of Justice must appear,

who gainst the Celticke Towers will Ladders reare.

And cause the Lilly, like the Aspen, shake,

whose roar shall all the island Serpents quake.

A cunning Alchymist, who hath the Skill

Gold both from Flowers and Nettles to distill.

I. This Prophecy almost explaineth itself; the *Iron-Man*, herein figured, was undoubtedly *William the Conqueror*; whose strong *Normans* coming hither in *Quest of Prey*, upon finding a rich and fertile Island, were resolved to stay therein.

II. The *Suppression of the Red Dragon for a space*, refers to the *Hardiness* and *unparalleled Courage* of the *Britons*, who, altho' falling under many *Oppressions* for a Time, yet were not, nor ever could be, by all *Invaders* extinguished, or totally eradicated.

We must pass over the Reign of *WILLIAM the Conqueror*, because he is no farther pointed at by *Merlin*; and proceed to the two *DRAGONS* which are said to arise from his Race; by whose intimations



his two eldest Sons, **ROBERT** (Surnamed *Corr-hose*, or *Short-hose*) and **WILLIAM RUFUS** (or *Ruffus*) so called because of his rough Hair and Beard.

**ROBERT**, upon his being refused Possession of the Dutchy of *Normandy*, formerly promised him by his Father, invaded the same, and was very troublesome, insomuch that a bloody Battle between the Father and the Son ensued, wherein the latter obtained the Victory. By this Means he laid himself under the heavy Weight of a Parental-Curse, which proved fatal to him in the End. His Father died soon after, having reigned near twenty-two Years, and was buried at *Cane* in *Normandy*.

**WILLIAM Rufus**, or the *Red*, was crowned King 1089. And after

after a turbulent Reign of twelve Years came by an untimely Death, being shot as he was Hunting in the *New-Forest Hampshire*, in the 44th Year of his Age. He was buried at *Winchester*.

Thus, *ROBERT's* Taiming at the Crown, but not attaining it; and *WILLIAM's* expiring by a Dart, fully accomplisheth that Part of the Prophecy.

He was succeeded by his younger Brother *HENRY*, 1101. His eldest Brother *Robert* being engaged in the *Holy-War*. This was the Prince whom *MERLIN* calls in this Prophecy, *Leo Justitie*, the *Lyon of Justice*.

Victory at length being obtained over the Opposers of the Christian Faith, Prince *ROBERT* arrived in *England*, and landed at *Portsmouth*.

He claimed his Right to the Crown,  
but compounded with his Brother  
for three thousand Marks yearly  
Pension, and retired.

But Henry, instigated by evil  
Counsellors invaded his Brother's  
Norman Territories, routed This  
Forces, took him Prisoner, and  
shut him up in Cardiff Castle in  
Wales, during Life. He was bur-  
ied at Gloucester.

After ROBERT's Decease, fierce  
Wars ensued between the French and  
English, but the latter became Vic-  
torious, verifying, that, The Lion  
of Justice, should raise Ladders  
against the Gallick Towers, and  
cause the Lilly to shake like the Aspen  
Leaf.  
HENRY returned safe from  
Normandy into England, but his



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two Sons *William* and *Richard*, with other most illustrious Personages, to the Number of 1140 were all drowned.

These two Princes *William* and *Richard*, were meant by the *LYON's Whelps* who were to forsake their Nature, and take upon them the Shape of Fishes. \*

Lastly, the King, to maintain his former Conquests, was forced to exact Money from all his Subjects both Laity and Clergy, and therefore was he called, by *MERLIN*,

A cunning Alchemist, who had the Skill  
To gold both from Flowers and Nettles to distill.

By the *Flowers* meaning the Clergy, and by the *Nettles* the Laity.

King

\* *Catuli Leonis in aquoreo, Pisces transformabuntur.*

King **HENRY** after a Reign of above thirty-five Years, died. He was buried in the Abbey of *Reading*, in *Berkshire*, founded by him, 1135.

**STEPHEN**, Earl of *Bolloigne* (Son of the Earl of *Blois*, and *Maud* Sister to the Wife of King *Henry*) succeeded to the Crown of *England*, in the Year 1136. He was valiant and hardy; but, as some affirm, having broken an Oath he made to *Henry* concerning *Maud* the Empress, he Usurped the Throne. He was Inaugurated by the Archbishop of *Canterbury* at *Westminster*, on the Anniversary of *St. Stephen*; and the Archbishop who had taken the said Oath, died shortly after, with divers other Lords, who were guilty of the same Perjury. This was alledged

to have been propagated by *Hugh Bigot*, Steward to the deceased King. He brought several Lords to swear, that a little before the King's Death, being present, his Majesty was heard to disinherit his Daughter *Maud* for some Distaste which he had taken against her, and had adopted as his lawful Heir *Stephen* his Nephew: To which the Archbishop, and the other Lords, gave too hasty Credit. Neither did this *Hugh*, for his wilful Perjury, escape unpunished; but soon after under the most agonizing Terrors of Conscience expired. But before we proceed farther in this Tragical Narration, we shall faithfully recite *MERLIN'S Eighth Prophecy* of those Times, *viz.*

Drop must a Sagittary from the Skies,  
But against him an Eaglet will arise;  
(That in the Moorian Mountains built her Nest)  
And against that Celestial Signe contest  
Shall spring will a Lyon's whelp appear,  
whose roar shall make the Centaure quake with  
fear.



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But when the two Shaped Monster shall be tamed,  
By gentle Means the Unhelve will be reclaimed:  
And when i<sup>th</sup> Land the Iron-Blood shall fail,  
The Blood of the White-Dragon must prevail.

By the *Sagittary*, which is one of the Celestial Signs, and the same that *Merlin* calls the *two-shaped Monster*, alludes to the Arms which *King Stephen* gave; as the *Normans* gave the *Lyon*, he emblazoned the *Sagittary* in his Scutcheon: and is therefore figured under that Denomination in this Prophecy. By the *Eaglet* is meant *Maud* the Empress; and, by the *Morian-Mountains*, a Place in *Italy* so called figuratively including the whole Country, by a Part thereof.

We shall hereafter enquire how this, with the rest, is made good by the Event thereof.

*The End of the Second Part.*



THE  
*Cheshire* PROPHEET.



IN the Reign of King JAMES the First, the Honourable Family of Cholmondley, at *Vale-Royal* in *Cheshire*, kept (according to the Custom of that Age) a *Fool*, whose Name was *Nixon*; but so very a *Natural*, that he was not capable of speaking six Words together. *Yes* or *No* was the Top of his Eloquence; nor was he ever heard to utter even those Words, but when pressed by Hunger, Thirst, or some Natural Dictate. However, by continual Custom, and the Care of the Steward, he was made capable of Driving the *Oxen* at Plough; when, One Day, as he was in the Field performing this Duty with his Fellow-Servants, he let fall the *Goad*, and stood immoveable, with his Eyes wide open, and fixed towards Heaven; nor could all the Words, Blows, Pinching, &c. of his Fellows, fetch him out of this Trance for the Space of above an Hour; at the End of which Time,

he recovered of himself, and taking up his *Goad*, went on with his Employ as if nothing had ailed him. The Men who were at Work with him, asked him, with great Surprise, What made him stand still? and why he had delayed them so long? when to their great Astonishment, he made them a sensible Discourse of near two Hours length, without the least Hesitation: In which, he foretold the *Civil Wars*. The *Death* of King CHARLES the First. The *Restoration* of King CHARLES the Second. The *Abdication* of King JAMES. The *Revolution* by King WILLIAM; and many other Things, not yet come to pass. Adding, that for a Confirmation of the Truth of what he had spoken, *He should be sent for by the King to London, and starved to Death*. When he had finished his Speech, he returned to his former Capacity of Silence; and was never observed to have any better Understanding or Speech than he had before this happened. The Men who were at Work with him made a Report of this as a *Prodigy*, when they returned Home to their Master; and this PROPHECY has been preserved by Tradition ever since among the Descendants of that Worthy Family, and the Country People.

It is observable, that King JAMES the First, hearing of this Accident, had a Curiosity to see the Fellow, and sent for him to Court, giving him in Charge to One of the Officers of his Household, to provide him with necessary Lodging and Diet in his own Palace; but withal, to keep



keep him up close, and make strict Observation on his Behaviour, that he might be satisfied there was no Imposture in the Matter. The Gentleman did so, but alas performed his Trust with a Severity the King never intended. For the Court removing for Ten Days to *Theobalds* in *Hertfordshire*, he was obliged to attend the King, and going in a Hurry, forgot poor *Nixon*, who being locked up, and not having the Benefit of Speech, was, as he truly foretold, starved to Death.

There were Three other Particulars, very remarkable in this his Prophecy.

The One was, that whenever the Wall which encompassed *Vale Royal* fell down, it denoted some very great Change in the Government; and that if it were a serene Day, and the Wall fell inwards, it shewed an advantagious and happy Change; but if it were a stormy Day, and the Wall fell outwards, and any of the Stones fell into the Brook, it betokened the direct contrary.

This Prophecy caused the successive Heirs of that Seat to keep several Workmen in Yearly Pay to support the Wall; and once a Month to inspect it all round; so that by continual Repairing, it was buttressed both within and without, and but the Week before it fell, the Workmen had viewed it according to Custom, and given in, that it was now so strong, it might reasonably be expected to last an Hundred Years without any Repair. Yet on Trinity-Sunday, 1688, about Eleven in the Forenoon, being a calm, clear,

clear, Sun-shiny Day, without a Breath of Wind, this Wall fell flat on the Ground within the Court, and not so much as a single Stone fell outwards. What Change was produced in the Nation, by the Transactions of that very memorable Day, is too well known to need a Repetition.

Nixon also said, that in Process of Time, there would be an Heir born to that Family, who should be of very great Parts, and arrive to greater Honour than any of his Predecessors.

That the Time would come, there should be Three Competitors for the Crown of Britain; and that this Gentleman should be eminently instrumental in placing the Right Prince on the Throne, and securing a lasting Peace, with a continued Series of Honour and Glory to the Nation.

That he should be known by an Eagle which would come at the Time of his Birth, and sit at the Chamber-Window till he was born, and after some Time fly quite away.

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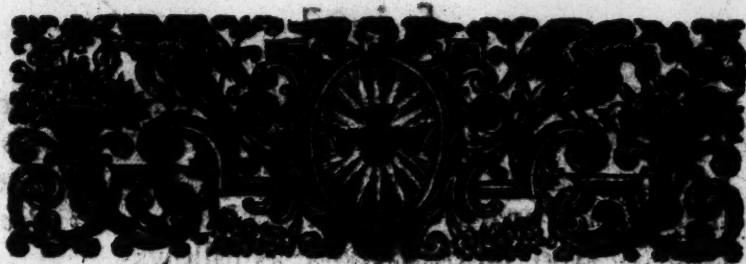
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**W**ITH all due Deference to the Memory of that Prophetical Personage you represent! having put the Prophecies of your Predecessor under Mr. Duck's Protection, I make bold to ask your Patronage for the Prophecies of his Successor NIXON. The Copy I here lay before you was communicated to me by the truly Honourable Lady COWPER, Mother of the Lord Chancellor, near Twenty Years ago, and is as followeth, viz.

One

One Day *Nixon* came in from Plough, and laying down the Things he had in his Hands, he remained a little while in the Dumps, and then with a hoarse Voice said, *Now I will Prophecy.* And he then spoke as follows:

When a *Raven* shall build in a *Stone-Lyon's* Mouth, on the Top of a Church in *Cheshire*, then a *King of England* shall be driven out of his Kingdom, and never return more.

When an *Eagle* shall sit on the Top of the House, then an Heir shall be born to the *Cholmondley's* Family; and this Heir shall live to see *England* invaded by Foreigners, who shall proceed as far as a Town in *Cheshire*; but a Miller, named *Peter*, shall be born with two Heels on one Foot, and be at that Time living in a Mill of *Mr. Cholmondley's*; He shall be instrumental in delivering the Nation.

The Person \* who then governs the Nation will be in Trouble, and skulk about: The invading King shall be killed, laid across a Horse's Back like a Calf, and led in Triumph. The Miller having been instrumental in it, shall bring forth the Person that then governs the Kingdom, and be Knighted for what he has done; and after that, *England* shall see happy Days.

A young, New Set of Men of virtuous Manners shall come, who shall prosper, and make a flourishing Church for two hundred Years.

As a Token of the Truth of all this, a Wall of *Mr. Cholmondley's* shall fall: If it fall down, wards,

\* King CHARLES II.



wards, the Church shall be oppressed, and rise no more; but if *upwards*, next the rising Hill on the Side of it, then it shall flourish again.

Under this Wall shall be found the Bones of a *British King*.

A Pond shall run with Blood three Days, and the Cross-Stone-Pillar in the Forest sink so low into the Ground, that a *Crow* from the Top of it shall drink of the best Blood in *England*.

A Boy shall be born with *THREE Thumbs*, and hold *THREE KINGS* Horses; while *England* shall be *Won*, and *Lost*, *THREE Times* in *ONE Day*.

*Peckforton Wind-Mill*, shall be removed to *Ludditon-Hill*; \* after which, there shall be so great a Slaughter of Men, that Horses saddled shall run about till their Girts rot away.

*Olton Mill* shall be driven with Blood instead of Water.

#### E X P L A N A T I O N.

I. The Seat of that Branch of the Family of *Cholmondley* which kept *Nixon*, lived at *Vale-Royal*, on the River *Wever*, in *Delamere-Forest*. It was originally an Abbey, founded by *Edward I.* and came to the *Cholmondleys*, from the *Holcrofts*. When *Nixon* prophesied, the Family of *Cholmondley* was almost extinct, the Heir having married the Daughter of Sir *Walter Saint John*, Aunt to Lord *Bolingbroke*, who, tho' very young, proved to be with Child, fell in Labour, and continued so for some Days, during

\* Which was done by Sir *John Crew*; the Mill having lost its Trade.

during which Time an *Eagle* sat upon the House-Top, and flew away upon her being delivered of a *Son*.

II. A *Raven* did build her Nest in a *Stone-Lyon's Mouth*, on the Steeple of the Church of *Ouse* in *Delamere Forest*.

III. The Wall spoken of, fell down, but fell upwards on King *James's* Abdicating the Throne. And in removing the Rubbish were found the Bones of a Man of more than ordinary Size.

IV. A Pond did run with *Water* of a reddish Tincture, and was never known to have done so before or since.

V. Headless-Cross in *Delamere Forest*, which was several Feet high, is now sunk within half a Foot of the Ground.

VI. In the Parish of *Budworth* a Boy was born, in the Year 1700, with Three Thumbs, and was living there, 1718, when *PETER* the Miller also lived in *Nagginshire-Mills*, in Expectation of seeing this Part of the Prophecy fulfilled on the Person of the *Chevalier de Saint George*) he had two Heels upon one Foot. Lady *Radcliffe* of *Chelsea* and Lady *Saint John* of *Battersea*, have often been heard to mention this *Peter* the Miller.

There are a great many Sayings of *Nixon* traditionally handed down in *Cheshire*; as, That when he lived with a Farmer, before he was taken into Mr. *Cholmondleys* Family, he goaded an Ox so cruelly, that he was severely threatned by one of the Ploughmen for thus abusing the Beast. Says *NIXON*, *The Beast will not be my Master's three Days*. It so happened, that a

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Life in an Estate dropping within that Time, the Lord of the Mannor seized this very Ox as an Herriot. This Fact was related to Lady Cowper, in the Year 1670, by Dr. Patrick, then Chaplain to Sir *Walter Saint John*, Rector of *St. Paul, Covent-Garden*, and afterwards Bishop of *Ely*.

Lady *Saint John* had the following Facts related to her by Mrs. *Chute*, Sister to Mrs. *Cholmondley* of *Kale-Royal*, That a Multitude of People gathering together, among whom she was one, to see the *Eagle* on the top of the House; the Bird was frightened from her Young, and the Cry was, *Nixon's Prophecy is fulfilled, we shall have a Foreign King.*

Mrs. *Chute* also declared, that she read over the Prophecy many Times when her Sister was with Child of the Heir who succeeded to the Estate. She confirmed likewise the Report that *Peter the Miller* should kill Two Invaders, one of whom was to come from the *North*, the other from the *West*. That he from the *North*, should bring with him Forces of all Nations, *Swedes, Danes, Germans and Dutch*, &c. and that in the Folds of his Garment he should bring Fire and Famine; Plague and Murder. That many great Battles should be fought in *England*, one upon *London-Bridge*; and that People should ride in the Streets up to their Horses Bellies in Blood. That several Battles should be fought in *Cheshire*. And that the last which should be fought would be in *Delamere Forest*. That the Heir of *Olton*, whose Name is *Egerton*, who married Earl *Cholmondley's* Sister, should be— at his own Gate.

LASTLY,



LASTLY, *John Oldmixon*, Esq; did publish this Prophecy of *Nixon* in 1719, and saith, That *Nixon* foretold great Glory and Prosperity to those who stood up in Defence of the Laws and Liberties of their Country, and threatened with Ruin and Misery those who should betray them. Farther, That the Year before this should happen, Bread-Corn would be very dear, and the Year following, Troubles should begin, which would last Three Years; That the *First* would be moderate, the *Second* bloody, the *Third* intolerable. That unless they were shortened, no Mortal could bear them. That there were no Mischiefs but what poor *England* would feel at that Time. But, that *GEORGE*, the Son of *GEORGE*, should put an End to All. That then the *Church* should flourish, and *England* be the most flourishing Nation upon Earth.

We hope this *Æra* is now come!

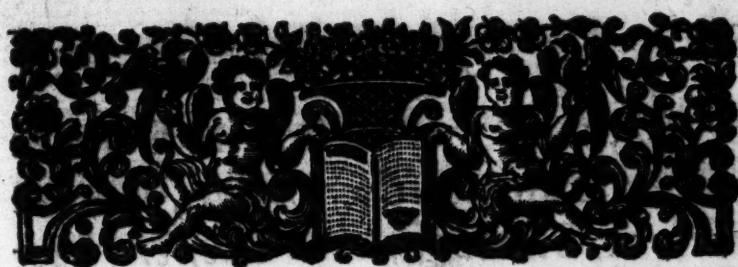
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began his Reign with  
great Rigours against  
the Clergy, by fining  
some Bishops, and im-  
prisoning others.

In the *Sixth* Year of his Reign,  
*MAUD* the Empress landed at  
M *Bristol,*

*Bristol*, and was assisted in Defence of her Claim to the Crown, by the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Chester*. Her Forces, and those of her Confederates had an Engagement with the King's Army, in which they got the better, and his Majesty was taken Prisoner; who being brought before the Empress, she commanded him to be conveyed under safe Custody to the Castle of *Bristol*, wherein he remained from *Candlemas* to *Holy-Rood-Day*.

Upon obtaining this Victory she came to *London*, where the *QUEEN* earnestly petitioned her for the King's Enlargement, as did likewise the Citizens of *London*, but she would not give way to any Entreaties.

*MAUD* went to *Gloucester*, whether she was pursued by the *QUEEN*



*QUEEN* and an armed Force she had raised, who fell upon the Empress, routed her Host, and took her Brother *Earl Robert* Prisoner. Upon this it was agreed that *King Stephen* should be released, and the *Earl of Gloucester* surrendered. By these Contests the Kingdom became sorely distressed.

It the *Seventeenth* Year of his Reign died *Ranulph* *Earl of Chester*, and *Geoffry Plantaginet* Husband to the Empress *Maud*, leaving a Son named *HENRY*; with whom *EUSTACE*, *King STEPHEN*'s Son waged War. *Duke Henry* of *Normandy* arrived in *England* with a considerable Army, first won the *Castle of Malmesbury*, and next possessed himself of the *Tower of London*. *King Stephen* and his Forces met the *Duke's*, but a Truce being made between them, the *King*

went to *Ipswich*, and the Duke to *Sbrewsbury*; in which Interim the King's Son *Eustace* was drowned and buried at *Feversham-Abbey*, in *Kent*, founded by his Father. After which Endeavours were used to reconcile the King and the Duke, and a Peace was concluded betwixt them on the following Terms, *viz.*

I. *That the KING having now no Heir, should continue in the Throne during Life.*

II. *That Duke HENRY should be proclaimed Heir Apparent; and that the KING should make him his adopted Heir.*

This fulfills that Part of the Prophecy, wherein it is said that, *Upon the Eaglet's failing, a Lyon's Whelp should make the CEN-TAUR quake with Fear; and, upon*

*upon the taming of the two shaped Monster (i. e. the Centaur) the Lyon's Whelp should be quieted. The Centaur alluded to King Stephen; and the Lyon's Whelp to Henry Duke of Normandy. At the close of this Year died King Stephen, reigning upwards of Eighteen Years in the greatest Turbulency, the usual concomitant of Usurpation. He was buried near his Son Eustace at Feversham.*

By Duke *Henry* of *Normandy*, the Blood of the *Saxons* again returned to the Crown; so that the *Norman* Race continued but *Seventy* Years, from *William* the Conqueror, to the Death of *Henry* I. verifying by the Event more of this Prophecy, *that when the Iron Brood, (the Norman) should fail; the Blood of the Red-Dragon should succeed, as it did in the Accession to the Throne of*

**HENRY**



*HENRY* II, in the Year 1155  
of whom, some time before it was  
thus Prophecied, viz.

## MERLIN'S Ninth PRO- PHECY.

The Eaglet of the flaw'd League shall behold,  
The feathers of her Prime-Bird shine in Gold;  
And in her Third Nest shall repose: but ~~hee~~  
who from the Height of the great Roche may see  
The Countries round (both near and far away)  
Shall search amongst them, where ~~hee~~ best can Prey.  
Some of whose num'rous Cyries shall retaine  
The Patuze of the Desert Pelican.  
The All-commanding Keys shall strive to wrest,  
And force the Lock that opens to his Nest.  
But break their own Wards: Of all Flowers that  
grow  
The Rose shall most delight his Smell, and so,  
That lest it any Strangers Eyes should daye,  
He'll plant it close in a Bedalian Way.  
Fortune, at first, will on his Clozies smile,  
But fail him in the End——alack the while.

The beginning of this Prophecy  
seemeth to reflect on the Empress  
Maud, his Mother. By *rejeicing*

*in her Third Nest, points at the Three Sons she had, viz. Henry, Geoffry and William; the first of which being the only Survivor, she might rejoice in him whose Father became King. Or, on the other Hand, she might in her Death rejoice at her Third Espousal, of her Saviour, having in this World first espoused the Emperor Henry, and secondly Geoffry Plantagenet.*

*As to the Eaglet of the Flawed or Bourbon-League; that, indeed, may refer to the Queen, who being first married to the King of France; secondly to Henry Duke of Normandy; she may be said first to have built her Nest in France, secondly in Normandy, and thirdly in England.*

The Reign of this Prince was prosperous at the Beginning but unfortunate

fortunate in its Conclusion. By Wars he greatly extended his Dominions; for besides the Realm of *England* he had once in his Possession, *Normandy*, *Gascoine* and *Guienne*; *Anjou* and *Chinon*, with *Alverne*, &c. and by his Wife *Eleanor*, the *Pyrenean-Mountains* which part *France* and *Spain*, proving what was Prophetically said, that, from the Height of the great Rock, he might see the Countries round both far and near, and might make Choice of those which were most for his Advantage.

In the Seventh Year of his Reign, *Thomas Becket*, who was then Chancellor of *England*, succeeded in the Archbishoprick of *Canterbury*. The insolent Behaviour of this haughty Prelate made the King very uneasy, insomuch that he publicly declared he should  
look



look on those as his Friends, who would revenge him on the traitorous Archbishop: Upon this Declaration, four Knights, Sir *Hugh Thornbill*, Sir *Richard Fitzvile*, and Sir *William Tracy*, having considered the King's Words, they all went to *Canterbury*, and on the fifth Day in *Christmas Week*, stabbed the Archbishop as he was going up to the High Altar in that Cathedral, for having in the open Pulpit denounced a Curse, not only on the People of *England*, but on the King himself; whereby that Part of the Prophecy is accomplished which saith, *striving to wrest the All-commanding Keys, to force the Rock that opened to his Nest, the Wards would be broken.*

This alludes to that Prerogative of the Church called, *The Power of the Keys*, by executing which with

much Rigour they *broke their own Wards*, as proved true in the Assassination of *Thomas Becket*, 1170.

The next most noted Particular of this King's Life, was his Amour with the Lady *Rosamond*, whose fatal Catastrophe is universally known. This, also *Merlin* hinteth at herein by saying, That, 1. *Of all the Flowers that grew, the ROSE'S Scent should most delight the King.* 2. That to prevent any other from being delighted therewith, he planted it in a *Dædalian Maze*, i. e. *Woodstock-Bower*.

After her Impoysonment she was buried in the Monastery of *Godstow*; and upon her Tomb was graven this Inscription, viz.

*Hic jacet in Tumba,  
Rosamundi non Rosamunda:*

*Non*

*Non redolet, sed olet,  
Quæ redolere solet.*

*Here lyes entomb'd, alas !*

*The World's fair ROSE :*

*Tho' once most sweet,*

*She'll now offend your Nose.*

We must here observe, that King *Henry II.* had by Queen *Eleanor* a numerous Issue, *Six Sons* and *Three Daughters* : Four of his Sons stirred up many unnatural Comotions against him, retaining, as was predicted, *the Nature of the Pelican in the Desert* ; who will pierce her own Breast to nourish her Young.

His eldest Son *Henry* died in the *Twenty-Eighth* Year of his Reign, and was seemingly very Penitent for the Offences he had committed against his Father.




King *Henry* had some very surprizing Admonitions for the Amendment of his Life: one was, That “ in his Return from *Ireland*,  
 “ as he was taking Horse, there appeared unto him a Man, of a pale  
 “ meagre Aspect, bare-foot, and in  
 “ a White Mantle; who thus accosted him, *I am sent to thee from*  
 “ *the Lord of Sabbath* who, commandeth thee to give Orders that  
 “ no Markets be kept, nor any servile Work be done on the Day  
 “ consecrated unto Him, the Necessaries of Life, as Food, only  
 “ excepted. This if thou seest performed, whatsoever thou pursuest, thou shalt bring to a  
 “ good and happy Issue.

The King seemed highly to disstate this Admonition, and said to him who held his Bridle— “ Ask  
 “ of

“ of this Churl if he hath dreamt  
“ that which he speaketh. To which  
“ the Apparition replied “ *Whether*  
“ *I have dreamt or no, do thou take*  
“ *heed of my Words, and amend*  
“ *thy Life; or, what thou now*  
“ *seemest to deride will redound to*  
“ *thy extreme Misery.* Which  
“ Words having uttered, the Spec-  
“ tre vanished. The King depart-  
“ ed with great Horror seemingly;  
“ yet reclaimed he not his wicked  
“ Life.

He had a *second* Admonition by  
an *Irishman*, who told all things  
*which the King had done in secret* :  
that he thought none had known  
but himself, and withal advised him  
to Repentance and Amendment of  
Life: but he slighted this, as he  
did the former Advice. About  
which time, being the Twenty-  
fourth Year of his Reign, were  
taken



taken up the Bones of King *Arthur* and his Queen *Guenever*, in the Vale of *Avalon*, the Hair of her Head seeming White and of a fresh Colour, but so soon as touched fell into Dust: Their Bones were from thence carried to the Church of *Glassenbury* and re-interred.

This Prince had a *Third* Admonition from Sir *William Lindsey*; who roundly told him of many Enormities which required a speedy Correction.

The Historian *Giraldus Cambriensis* saith, that this Monarch was peerless for *Three* Things, Wit, War and Wantonness. He reigned Twenty-six Years victoriously, four Years confusedly, and five Years most unfortunately. At length, through the violent Rage of his Passions, he fell into a Fever, of which



which he died in the Castle of *Chinon* in *Normandy*, and was buried at *Fonteverard*.

Thus, pursuant to the Prophecy, we have seen, that *Fortune* smiled on King Henry in the Beginning of his Reign, and forsook him in the End.

To him succeeded *RICHARD* the First of that Name, and his second Son, surnamed *Cœur de Lion*, in the Year 1189. On the Day of his Coronation he enlarged all Prisoners except those confined for Murder or Treason.

## MERLIN'S Tenth PROPHECY.

The Lyon's Heart 'gainst the Sarazen will rise,  
And purchase from him many a glorious Prize.  
The Host and Lilly shall at first unite,  
But parting of the Prey prove opposite.

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Jebus and Salem will be much oppress.  
 As by the Lame and Blind again protest.  
 The Lyon-hearted among Wolves shall range  
 And by his Art, Iron into Silver change.  
 But while abroad these great Acts shall be done,  
 All Things at Home shall to disorder run.  
 Coop'd up and cag'd then shall the Lyon be,  
 But after suff'rance ransom'd and set free,  
 Then doubly crowned two mighty ones whose Wives,  
 Transcend 'twixt whom a Sea's Arm only glides,  
 Ambitious Both, shall many conflicts try;  
 Last, by a Poy'snous Shaft the Lyon dye.

King *RICHARD* conferred upon his Brother the Earldoms of *Nottingham, Cornwall, Chester* and *Lancaster*; and likewise made a Match between him and the Earl of *Gloucester's* only Daughter. Afterwards he undertook a Voyage to the *Holy Land*, leaving the Bishop of *Ely* Vicegerent. He acquired many Conquests Abroad, and married the King of *Navarre's* Daughter in *Sicily*. Upon some Differences the *French* King deserted him and went Home, which, as *Merlin* prophesied, was about dividing the Spoil;

*Spoil ; agreeing at first, but afterwards becoming direct Opposites.*

The Bishop of *Ely* was a very haughty and troublesome Viceroy ; farther fulfilling the Prophecy, that, *Whilst the King was performing great Acts Abroad, all things at Home were running into Disorder.*

At length, the King, returning Home, was taken Prisoner ; his Enemies rifled him of all his Treasure, and kept him a Month under close Confinement, and engaged him, weaponless, to encounter with a fierce *Lion*. He conquered the Beast, ripped open the Body, took out the Heart, and threw it into the Face of his chief Enemy the Duke of *Lemple*, from hence deriving the remarkable Sirname given him of *Cœur de Lion*.

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After the *Lyon*, the Duke's Son, fell a Victim to King *Richard's* Rage, whom he slew by a Blow under the Ear; but his *Daughter* being enamoured both of his Person and great Valour, gave herself up to his Embraces. And for these Acts he was sent to the Emperor, who confined him in a dark Dungeon, wherein he remained fifteen Months; but at length an Hundred Thousand Pounds was paid for his Ransom. The Prophecy predicting, that; *The Lyon should be cooped up, ransomed, and set free.*

This happened in the Eighth Year of his Reign; when, he landed at *Sandwich*, came straight to *London*, and was joyfully received,

*JOHN* his Brother, had in his Absence usurped the Diadem, and  
was

was, at his Arrival, in *France*. But finding this, he caused himself to be crowned a second Time at *Winchester*. These two Brothers were at last reconciled. King *RICHARD* in the *Tenth* Year of his Reign, besieged a Castle in *France*, near *Ly-moges*; where, one Day walking out, to view the Fortifications, he was shot with a poisoned Arrow.

King *Richard* was remarkable for the Three Vices of Pride, Covetousness, and Lechery, which at his Death he thus Devised; his Pride to the *Knights-Templars*, his Covetousness to the *Church*, and his Lechery to the *Clergy*. He was also buried at *Fonteverard* in *France*, Dying as was prophecied, after many Conflicts of a poisoned Arrow. He was succeeded by,

*JOHN*, who was proclaimed King 1199, and was crowned at *Westminster* on *Holy Thursday*.

### MERLIN'S *Eleventh* PRO- PHECY.

The subtle *Fox* into the *Throne* shall creep,  
Thinking the *Lyon* dead, who did but sleep.  
But frighted with his walking roar, finds cause,  
To fly the Terror of his Teeth and Claws:  
After, this *Leopard* slain'd with many a Spot,  
Shall lose all *Rollo* by his *Guilla* got.  
Then shall those *Keps* whose Power would awe the  
Fates,  
For a long time lock up his *Temple Gates*.  
Unhurt then him of all the Charge he bears,  
And wrest from him the *Laurell* that he wears.  
Woe's me, that from one *Leopard* should be torne  
what many *Lions* in their *Pride* have worne,  
Whither the *French-Flower* would itself transpose,  
There must spring after, many a glorious *Rose*.  
He that did (all he might) the *Kirk* despise,  
Against his *Life* shall a base *Kirk-man* rise.

The former Part of this Prediction is apparent in the Premises, where *John* fought like a *Fox* to  
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insinuate himself before his Father's Death, pretending that *he was dead, who did but sleep.*

Our Prophet MERLIN, on account of his stained and contaminated Life, would not vouchsafe him the Name of a *Lyon*, but a *Leopard*; alluding to the *Vices* of *John* as a Parallel to the *Spots* of that *Beast*. For by his cowardly and mean Proceedings, *Philip* the *French King* seized all *Normandy*, and annexed it to his Crown, therein verifying the Prophecy: The Dutchy of *Normandy* being the Dowry given by *Charles*, the Simple, of *France*, with *Guilla* his Daughter: and which had for three hundred Years, been in Possession of their own Dukes and the Kings of *England*, all which the *Leopard* lost.

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He also gave up his Crown, and paid a yearly Tribute to the Pope, by which Means, as MERLIN saith, *his Holiness's Keys locked up the Temple Gates of King John; thereby taking from one Leopard what so many Lyons had obtained.*

This was likewise foretold by another Prophet of those Days called *Peter of Pomfret*, for which he was hanged and quartered by King *John*.

But at length, after a Reign of near Seventeen Years, this Prince met his own Fate, being poisoned by a Monk at *Swinsted Abbey* in *Lincolnshire*. He had been a great Rifler of Religious Houses, so that as the Prophet sings,

He that did (all he might) the *Wirk* despise,  
Against his Life, shall a base *Wirkman* rise.

Not forgetting what was also predicted of the Arrival of *Lewis* the *French* King in this Land,

Whither the *French* *Flow'r* will itself transpose,  
Where must spring after, many a glorious Rose.

King *John* was buried in the Cathedral Church of *Winchester*.

*HENRY*, the Third of that Name, and eldest Son of King *John*, began his Reign at Nine Years old, 1216.

## MERLIN'S Twelfth PROPHECY.

Dream shall the Leopard's Issue in the Throne,  
(Curdled in Rest) careful to keep his own;  
Not forcing aught from others; changing then  
His Leopard-Spots, a Lyon turn agen.



Abroad the second Whelp for Prey will roar.  
 Beyond the Alps, and to Joves-Bird repose  
 Her decay'd Plumes : the King of Beasts whose  
 Rage

His Youth conceal'd, shall rouse him in his Age,  
 Against the Boar, the Calbot and the Bear,  
 The Mountain-Cat and Goat, with whom cohere  
 Of fowls, the Falcon, Hern, the Peacock, Swan,  
 With fishes too press'd from the Ocean,  
 With whose mix'd Blood the Forrest shall be dy'd,  
 Till Love Unite, what Discord did Divide,

Immediately upon the young  
 King's Coronation, the greatest  
 Part of the *English* Peers revolted  
 from the *French* Party, and ac-  
 knowledged Prince *Henry* their sole  
 Sovereign.

In the Fortieth Year of this King's  
 Reign divers Princes of the Empire  
 arrived in *England*; and did Ho-  
 mage to *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*,  
 as Emperør, and King of the *Ro-*  
*mans*; who, upon *Ascension* Day af-  
 ter, was crowned in *Aquisgrane*,  
 verifying, That, the second *Whelp*  
 would

would roar abroad for Prey beyond  
the Alps; and restore unto the Eagle  
(Jove's Bird) her decayed Plumes.

In the *fifty-fifth* Year, the King  
of the *Romans* made Attonement  
betwixt the King his Brother, and  
*Gilbert Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*,  
who had prolonged the *Barons*  
*Wars*, upon Condition that he  
should take a Voyage into the *Holy*  
*Land*; but, this Project failing,  
Prince *Edward* undertook this  
Voyage in his stead.

The next Year died *Richard*  
King of the *Romans*, after he had  
governed the Empire about sixteen  
Years. He was buried at *Hales*, an  
Abbey of *White Monks* which he  
himself founded.

The Year following died King  
*Henry*, after a Reign of *fifty-six*  
P Years,

Years, (leaving for his Heir Prince *Edward*, who was then in the *Holy Land*, and another Son called *Edmund Crouchback*). He was buried in *Westminster-Abbey*.

The Premises confirm the Prophecy of *Merlin*, as to this King's Reign, the latter End of which was turbulent, many of his Nobles died, and the Realm became almost desolate; therefore was it truly said of him, that, *the Rage of the King of Beasts was concealed in his Youth, but would rouse in his Age, against the Boar, the Talbot, the Bear, the Mountain-Cat, and Goat, who were all in Conjunction against him.*

By the *Lyon* was figured the King, and by the rest of the *Beasts* and *Birds* named, the several *Crests* and *Emblazons* in the *Barons Arms* and



and Scutcheons, by which they were distinguished.

MERLIN'S *Thirteenth*  
PROPHECY of Prince  
EDWARD *when he was*  
*in the Holy Land.*

An Occidental Dragon, bright as Noon,  
Shall, breathing flames, dark th' Oriental Moon.  
The Cambrian-molbes he thro' their woods shall  
chace,

No cease till he has quite extirp'd their Race.  
Then from the North shall fiery Meteors threat,  
Ambitious, after blood, to quench their heat.  
The Dragon's blood, at which his crest will rise,  
And his Scales flame; and where he treads, or  
flies

fright all shall him oppose: the Northern Duke  
Pals shall he then, and set his foot in Cypre.  
After which Show'rs of blood will fall upon,  
And barren the fair fields of Caledon.  
Then having ended what he took in hand,  
Die in the Marches of another Land.

A Saracen in delivering a Mes-  
sage to Prince HENRY, when in  
Palestine, wounded him in the

Arm with an empoisoned Knife, which he wresting out of the *Infidel's* Hand, therewith instantly slew him. Thus did the *Occidental DRAGON*, eclipse the *Oriental MOON*, meaning the *Sultan of Persia*, who beareth the *Moon* in his Banners.

Prince *Edward* during his Stay abroad, had a Daughter called *Joan of Acris*, or *Arc* from the Place of her Nativity, She was married to the Earl of *Gloucester*. This Prince after having been above two Years in *Palestine*, was on the Death of his Father called Home to take Possession of the Crown of *England*, which he did 1272.

*EDWARD I.* was surnamed *Long-shanks* from his tall Stature; *Alexander* King of *Scotland* was present at his Coronation, and paid him Homage for that Kingdom.  
But

But *Lewellin* Prince of *Wales* refused to come to that Solemnity, for which King *Edward* gathered a strong Power, and subdued him in his own Territories. *Lewellin* was forced to submit, and the King fortified the Castle of *Rutland*, and built the Castle of *Flint* to keep the *Welch* in due Obedience.

The King gave to *David*, Brother of *Lewellin* the Castle of *Frodesham*, who seemingly behaved well, but in the End only proved a Spy, and stirred up his Brother to attempt a second Rebellion; upon which, the King attacked both these Brothers. Sir *Roger Mortimer*, upon whose Lands *Lewellin* had heretofore committed great Outrage, surprized him, cut off his Head, and sent it to the King, who was then in *Rutland*; his Majesty ordered



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ordered it to be fixed to a Pole, and set upon the Tower of *London*.

His Brother *David* was soon after taken, and sentenced to be drawn, hanged and quartered, and his Head placed by his Brother's, wherein that Part of this Prophecy is verified which saith, that he should chase the *Cambrian Wolves* through their own Woods; and, thereby, totally extirpate them.

In the *Twentieth* Year of his Reign his Mother died. The *Scots* having highly disoblged this Prince, by refusing to pay him Homage, he became so enraged thereat, that he besieged the Town of *Berwick*, and slew 25,700 *Scots*, and lost no Man of Note save *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*, and of meaner People 27 and no more; which hitherto

therto supporteth the former Prediction, that,

I. *Fiery Meteors from the North, should quench the Heat of those who thirsted after the Dragon's Blood.*

II. *That the Dragon's Crest should rise, and his Scales flame, and that where he trod or flew he should fright all who opposed him.*

III. *That, He,*  
*Should pass the Northern Dyke,*  
*And set his foot in Wyke.*

By the Northern Dyke is implied the River *Tweed*, and by the *Wyke* the Town of *Barwyke*. Which after having reduced, the King laid Siege to *Dunbar*, wherein were slain 22,000 more of the *Scots*, and of the *English* a very small Number. Next was besieged the City

of *Edinburgh*; he won both it and the Castle, in which were found the *State-Regalia*; these the King took away, and offered them up at the Shrine of St. *Edward*. After this, the *Scots* submitted; and the King asked them, *What amends they would make him for all the Trouble and Damage they had put him to?* They answered that, *they all submitted themselves to his Mercy*. But afterwards they again rebelled against him, and he gave them Battle at a Place called *Fonkirke*, when he slew 33,000 more *Scots*, with the Loss only of 28 Men; and finding no farther Resistance, he returned to *England*, and married *Margaret* Sister of the King of *France*, whereby a Peace was concluded betwixt the two Kingdoms.

After a Reign of near *thirty-five* Years, King *Edward* died in *Scotland*;



land, from whence his Body was brought, and buried at *Westminster*, fully confirming what was foretold that, *Showrs of Blood would fall upon and make barren Caledonia, or Scotland; and that he should Die not in his Own, but in Another Land.*

His Son *EDWARD II.* was born at *Caernarvon* in *Wales*, and succeeded to the Crown, 1307. of whom it was thus prophesied.

### **MERLIN'S Fourteenth PROPHECY.**

A Goat shall then appear out of a Carre,  
with Silber Horns, not Iron, unfit for Warre,  
And above other shall delight to feed,  
Upon the flow'r that Life and Death both breed.  
A Cornish Eagle clad in Plumes of Gold  
Horseshoe's from others, shall on high beheld.  
What best can please him to maintain his Pride  
Whole painted feathers shall the Goat misguide.

Who at length aiming to surprise the Beare,  
 Him shall the roused Beast in Pieces teare.  
 Two Owls shall from the Eagles Eyes rise;  
 And in their Pride the forest Beasts despise.  
 They forc'd at first, to take their wings and fly,  
 Shall back returning, bear themselves so high,  
 T'out brave both Birds and Beasts and great Spoils  
 win,  
 By the Goat's casing in a Lyon's Skin.  
 But after, be themselves depriv'd of Breath,  
 By her they scorned the flower of Life and Death,  
 And the Crown'd Goat, thinking himself secure,  
 Shall, after all, a wretched End endure.

The Year after his Coronation,  
 King *EDWARD* married *ISABEL*, the Daughter of *PHILIP*  
 of *France*, and returned with her  
 into *England*. To whom, accord-  
 ing to the usual time, was born to  
 him at *Windsor* a Son who was  
 named *EDWARD*. The same  
 Year *Pierce Gaveston* was recal-  
 led from Banishment, and restored  
 to all his former Honours; but de-  
 meaning himself more insolently to  
 the Barons than he had before done,  
 they besieged him in the Castle of  
*Scar-*

*Scarborough, and won it; they took him Prisoner, and brought him to Gaverfed, near Warwick, where at the Instigation of the Earl of Lancaster they cut off his Head. This Earl is, by Merlin, called the Bear, alluding to the Prophecy, that, the Cornish Eagle, (i. e. Gaveston, who was Earl of Cornwall) clad in borrowed Plumes; would try to maintain his own Pride, and whose gaudy Feathers should misguide the Goat; (i. e. the King) who aiming to surprize the Bear, by him should be destroyed.*

*This Prince was greatly misled by the Pride and Insolence of the two SPENCERS; their Hatred to the Queen was so great, that they prevailed upon the King to send her back to France. He was so weak as not to do any thing without the Advice of the two Hugh Spencers,*



Father and Son, and in a Council held at *York*, notwithstanding the Advice of the Nobles, he was constituted High Chamberlain of *England*, he behaved in as haughty a Manner as *Gaveston* his Predecessor, but pursueth the Prophecy,--*A Goat shall appear with silver Horns, and shall delight to feed upon the Flower, from whence springeth both Life and Death.* By the Goat's appearing out of a Carr, alludes to the King's being born at *Caernarvon*; his Horns of Silver, not of Iron, denoting his Effeminacy, being unserviceable for War, as was manifested in his *Successless Attempts against the Scots.* By the Flower of Life and Death, is meant his Queen *Isabel* who was called the Flower of France, at first dear to him as Life, but in the End, She was said, with *Mortimer*, to be accessory to his Death.

*Hugh*

*Hugh Spencer* the Father was created Earl of *Winchester*, and soon after was one *Robert Baldock*, a Fellow of debauched Life and Condition, made Chancellor of *England*: then Forfeits and Fines were gathered, without sparing of priviledged Places or other, till it arose to an immense Sum, collected to defray the Expence of another Expedition to *Scotland*. But he sped in this as in the former, for, he had like to have been taken Prisoner as he sat at Dinner, which could not have been, had he not had some Traytors about him.

Now therefore compare the Premises with the Prophecy, wherein it is said,

I. That *Two Owls* should arise out of the *Eagle's Ashes*, and with  
Pride

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*Pride condemn the Beasts of the Forest.*

II. That they should fly away, then return back again, thinking to out-brave both Birds and Beasts by casing themselves in the Lyon's Skin.

The Owls are the Two Spencers, who from the Albes of the Cornish Eagle Gaveston, grew into the especial Favour of the King; they were said to case the Goat in the Skin of the Lyon, by animating the effeminate King against the Barons; by whose Deaths they got many rich Spoils, but afterwards were put to flight.

Upon the QUEEN's Return from France, the two Spencers met their Fate; Hugh the Father was executed, and buried at Winchester; and Sir Hugh the Son, was drawn, hanged



hanged and quartered at *Hereford*, and his Head set upon *London-Bridge*. Thus, as *Merlin* foretold,

They were at length themselves depair'd of Breath,  
By her they fragn'd, the flow'r of Life and Death.

After the two *Spencers*, was executed the Earl of *Arundel* and *Robert Baldock* the Chancellor; being confined in *Newgate*, died there in a most miserable Manner.

In short, the Queen, with her Son Prince *Edward*, were most joyfully received by the Citizens of *London*, and the King was deposed from all Regal Power, and imprisoned.

During his Confinement he grew greatly repentant of his former Course of Life, finding after a Reign of above Eighteen Years, what it was  
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to be misled by upstart Favourites  
of mean Extraction.

*EDWARD* the *Third* of that  
*Name* was crowned King, his *Fa-*  
*ther* yet living, 1326. This Prince  
upon his Accession to the Throne,  
found the Land in Peace; confirm-  
ed the Liberties and Franchises of  
*London* to the Citizens thereof, and  
gave *Southwark* to be under the  
Lord Mayor's Rule and Govern-  
ment.



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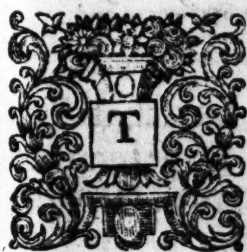


To the Honourable

Mrs. *P O Y N T Z*,

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Character of MINERVA.



O You, *MADAM*, as the Beautiful Representative of *Great Britain*, is offered up this *Fourth* Part of the Predictions of *Ambrose Merlin*, to whose Memory the Royal *CAVE* is consecrated. And I am to acquaint you farther, *Madam*, that, in turning over the *Menevian* Records, I have met with a Namesake of our Prophet, *viz. Merlin Calidonus*, or, *Sylvester*, called also, *Merlin Wyllt*. His Prophecies are said to have been more My-  
ftical

stical than any others; and, were by the *Tridentine* Council forbid to be read. This Prophet was Disciple to the famous *Taliessin*, and was, as that venerable Historian *Leland* testifieth, a Man admirably lerned in the Knowledge of Natural Things, and prophesied many Things truly. He prophesied in Calidonia, of which he had his Name, and He, in the Seventh Batel of King Arthur at Calidonia, was distracted by seeing a Monster in the Ayer, and therupon he lived in Woodes and Wildernes, and therupon was cauled Sylvester. GEOFFREY of Monmouth translated his Prophecies into Laten Vers. He lived An. Dom. 570. under Maelgwyn King of Wales. He was buried in the Isle of Bardesey.

Not doubting, *Madam*, but that You will countenance whatever is attempted in Honour of the *Merlin*-Family, I make bold to subscribe myself

Your most Obedient,

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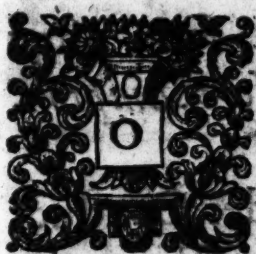
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The fourth Part.



Of King EDWARD  
the Third's Reign it  
was thus by MERLIN,  
predicted, viz.

The Spirits of many Lyons shall conspire,  
To make one, by Infusion, to intire:  
He by his mighty Courage shall restore,  
What his Dire loss, and Grandfire Monne before:  
Septune his Naval Triumphs shall advance,  
His Coat he Quarters with the Flow'rs of France.

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And after, maugre the Canicular Ephe,  
 Etwed shall he passe, and win agen the croke;  
 A num'rous Issue shall his Lineels bring,  
 Black shall the first be, and tho' never King,  
 Yet shall he Kings Captive! but ere mature,  
 Die must this brave withelp of a Calenture.  
 And then behind him shall he leave a Kid,  
 To undo All, both Dire and Grandfire did.

In the *First* Year of his Reign,  
 his Father, by the Means of Sir  
*Roger Mortimer*, was barbarously  
 murdered in *Berkley-Castle*, by  
 having a red-hot Iron thrust up his  
 Bowels. He was privately buried  
 at *Gloucester*. The same Year, he  
 married in the City of *York*, the  
 Lady *PHILIPPA* Daughter of the  
 Earl of *Hainault*; and soon after  
 called a Parliament at *Northampton*.

This Parliament, under Conduct  
 of that haughty Court-Favourite  
*Mortimer*, wrought much Mischief;  
 but he met his deserved Fate, being  
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by the said Parliament, adjudged to be hanged.

In the fourth Year of his Reign King *Edward* pierced the Realm of *Scotland*, and laid Siege to the Town of *Berwick*. The *Scots* joining the King's Forces, a very fierce Battle was fought between them at *Hallidowne* Hill, and over the *Scots* the King obtained a most triumphant Victory, slaying among their Host 7 Earls; 900 Knights and Bannerets; 400 Esquires; and of the Common People 32,000, in which Engagement were slain of the *English* but 15 Persons, the Captain of *Berwick* yielding up to the King that Town and Castle, verifying, as *Merlin* had predicted, that,

Waugre the Canicular Tyke,  
Tweed should he passe, and set his foot in wyke.



*Tyke* in the Northern Dialect signifies a *Dog*, therefore by the Canicular *Tyke* is meant the *Dog-Star*.

*Tweed* is the Water which parteth the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*.

*Wyke*, refers to the Town of *Barwick* or *Barwyke*.

There now grew great Dissention between King *Edward* III. and the King of *France*; which could not by any Mediation be appeased, although there were many Meetings appointed for that Purpose.

In a great Sea-Fight, between the *English* and *French*, King *Edward* was sore wounded in the Thigh, and of the *French* were slain

slain 30,000 in that one Naval Conflict. And the King, by Advice of his Confederate Princes, laid Claim to the Crown of *France*, as his rightful Inheritance, and to countenance this Claim the more strongly, he quartered the *English* LYONS with the *French* Fleur-de-Lis or *Flour-de-Luces*, as to this Day they remain.

In the Eighteenth Year of his Reign, his Son called, *Edward* the Black Prince, was created Prince of *Wales*; and the Year following was instituted the most *Noble Order of the GARTER*, which was solemnized at *Windsor* as it is to this Day.

Both King *Edward*, and his Son, became greatly victorious over the *French*, infomuch that their King *John* was by him taken Prisoner, confined in the *Savoy*, and died there.

there. His Body was sent back to *St. Denys* in *France*, and there Royally interred.

In the *Fifty-first* Year of his Reign *Edward* the Black Prince died in the Palace of *Westminster*, but he was buried at *Canterbury*.

The next Year, at his Manour of *Sheen* in *Surrey*, now called *Richmond*, died the most victorious and puissant King *Edward III.* of whom *Merlin* hath truly predicted, that, in him the Spirits of many Lyons should combine, enabling him to recover, by his Valour, what his Predecessors had lost by their Temerity. As truly was it also predicted, that, his Progeny should be numerous, that the First should be Black (i. e. alluding to the Prince) and tho' never King, yet Kings should be subdued; that he should die immediately of a Calenture, and



Leave a Kid,  
To undo ~~all~~, both Sire and Grandfire did.

King *EDWARD*'s Body was conveyed to *Westminster*, and there sumptuously interred.

*RICHARD* the Second of that Name, Son of *Edward* the Black Prince, figured by the *Kid* in the Prophecy, at Eleven Years of Age began his Reign, 1377. In the first Year of his Reign, landed in *Kent*, *ANNE* Daughter of the Emperor *Charles* the Fourth. This Princess was met by the Citizens of *London*. on *Black-Heath*, and with great Pomp conducted to *Westminster*, where she was espoused to King *Richard*.

Of this Prince, *Merlin*. in his Sixteenth Prophecy thus predicted,  
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in the *fifth* Year of his Reign,  
*viz.*

Sport shall the young King, in his Youth, and play  
 'Gainst whom shall rise the Hedge-Hog and the Grey,  
 And then the Hobnaylor and the clouted Shooner,  
 Shall the King's Gloze strike t'eclipse at Poone;  
 And Phebus in his wonted Oze shine cleare,  
 who when he shall in his full Strength appeare,  
 four princely Lyons were to him allyde,  
 Gall shall he with his Houis in his great Pride,  
 St length a fox clad in a Skin of Gold,  
 Shall snatch the Kid, from midst of all his fold.  
 But by a Dolphin of the City Loh'd,  
 This black disast'rous cloud shall be remov'd.

The Year before this *Prophecy*,  
 there happened a great Insurrection  
 of the *Common-People* throughout  
 the Land, their Ringleaders were  
*Wat Tyler, Jack Straw, &c.* and  
 these Fellows became very insolent  
 and troublesome; but, *Jack Straw*  
 upon insulting *William Walworth*  
 a Fishmonger, and then Lord-Mayor  
 of *London*, was by him first knocked  
 down with his Mace, then stabbed  
 him with his Dagger, and after-  
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wards with his Sword cut off his Head, and bore it in Triumph on the Point of a Spear.

From this brave Action the Citizens of *London*, gave the Dagger for their *Arms*, and herein was the Prophecy fulfilled, in saying that, *when the young King was sporting, against him should rise the Hedge-Hog and the Gray* (i. e. *Wat Tyler* and *Jack Straw*) *with the Hobnail and the clouted Shoone* (i. e. the *Mob* who attended them) *that a Cloud should rise, but be dispelled by a beloved Dolphin in the City*; therein being figured *William Watworth*, the *Fishmongers-Company* giving the *Dolphin* for their *Arms*.

The King so highly approved the Courage of the Lord-Mayor, that he Knighted him, and likewise several of the Aldermen.

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King *RICHARD*'s first *Wife* dying, he next married *ISABEL* Daughter of *CHARLES* the Sixth, King of *France*, who was but *Eight* Years of Age.

At length, Differences arose between the King and the Duke of *Gloucester*, who was murdered at *Calais*. *John à Gaunt* claimed his Title to the Crown of *Spain* in right of his Wife. And *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster* deposed the King.

Upon this Occasion, the Archbishop of *Canterbury* stood up and made a long Speech; the Purport of which was, to prove the Duke's Title to the Crown, and to justify the deposing of the King; whereby was verified Part of the Prediction, that, *the Four Princely Lyons*

to whom he was allied, he would attempt to Gall with his Horns; when, at length a Fox in a Golden Skin, should take a Kid out of the Fold.

By these *Four Lyons* are figured his four Uncles, Sons of *Edward the Third*, whom he had severally injured, preferring Persons of mean Birth to fill the most eminent Posts in the State.

HENRY of *Balwarke* was pointed at by the *Fox*, who cloathed himself in the Golden Robes of Royalty, snatching him from amidst the Fold, that is, from his own Subjects, and caused him to be put to a violent and cruel Death, as will be hereafter seen.

HENRY, the Fourth of that Name, Son of *John à Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaster*, took Possession of the  
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whole Dominion of *England* in the  
Year 1399.

Upon his Accession, he constituted New Officers throughout the Kingdom, and made 41 *Knights* of the *Bath*. The Coronation of this Prince was very magnificent. Of his Reign it was thus predicted, *viz.*

MERLIN'S *Sixteenth*  
PROPHECY.

The fore b'ing earth'd according to his mind,  
In the *Kid's Den* a Magazine shall finde,  
Yet all that Treasure cannot his Life save,  
But rather bring him to a timeless Grave.  
Mean time shall study many a *Forest Beast*,  
By a new *Way* to kill the King in Jest,  
But crafty *Reinard* shall the Plot prevent,  
And turn it all to their own Detriment.  
*Wales* and the *North* against him both shall rise,  
But he, who still was Politick and wise,  
Shall quell their Rage: much trouble he'll endure,  
And after when he thinks himself secure,  
Hoping to wash the *Kid's* Blood from his hand,  
Purpose a *Way* to the *Holy Land*,

But



But faile: Yet in Hierusalem shall Die,  
Deluded by a doubtful Sugury.

Among other Parliamentary Resolutions in this Reign, one was, that, *Whosoever had a Hand in the Duke of Gloucester's Death should be deemed Traytors*; and for which, several were found guilty and executed. Also many Acts of King *Richard* were repealed, and new ones enacted.

King *Richard* was likewise removed from the Tower of *London* to *Pontefract* alias *Pomfret-Castle* in *Yorkshire*. After which great Preparations were made for King *Henry's* keeping his *Christmas* at *Windfor*. Here it was, that several Lords had conspired to kill the King, in a *Masque* which was to have been represented before him on *Twelfth-Night*; but this Conspiracy was detected by the Duke of  
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*Aumerle*, alias *Albemarle*, and the King departed privately on that Night from *Windsor* to *London*. The Lords who were in this Conspiracy finding their Plot discovered, they fled *Westward*, but the King caused speedy Pursuit to be made after them, so that the Duke of *Surrey*, and the Earl of *Salisbury* were taken at *Cirencester*; Sir *Thomas Blount*, Sir *Bennet Saley*, and *Thomas Wintercell* at *Oxford*; Sir *John Holland* and the Duke of *Exeter* in *Essex*, with divers others in several Places. Among these Conspirators, the Noblemen were beheaded, the rest were drawn, hanged and quartered; but the Heads of all of them were set upon *London-Bridge-Gate*, fulfilling the Premises of the Prophecy; that, *many a Forest Beast should contrive to kill the Fox, but that crafty Reinard should*

*should turn their Contrivance upon themselves.*

The King having thoroughly considered the fatal Consequences of this Conspiracy ; and that by his Death, a Restauration of *Richard* to the Throne was intended, he therefore imagined that he could not reign in any Safety while *Richard* was living, he resolved to take him off, and for that Purpose dispatched Sir *Pierce Exton*, with Eight more, to *Pomfret* Castle, who entered his Apartment in the Castle, and most violently assaulted him with their Pole-Axes and Halberds, but he wrested the Weapon of one of the Assailants out of his Hand, and so bravely defended himself, that he slew four of them before he fell ; but at length, he became the Victim of Sir *Pierce Exton*.

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Henry being now, as he thought, in peaceable Possession, fell to rifling King Richard's Coffers, wherein he found above 300,000 l. besides Plate, Jewels, &c. the Whole of which amounted to 700,000 l. Thus was verified the Process of the foregoing Prophecy, that, the Fox being earthen in the Kid's Den, according to his Wish; tho' a Treasure should be found, yet even that would not save his Life, but bring him to an untimely Grave.

His Body they deposited in the Minster of Pomfret, and exposed it to publick View. It was then brought to London, and exposed again at St. Paul's for three Days. It was first privately buried at Langley in Hertfordshire, but afterwards interred in Westminster-Abbey.

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In the second Year of King Henry's Reign, Owen Glendour fomented a Rebellion in *Wales*; and in the Third, Sir Thomas Piercy Earl of *Worcester*, and Sir Henry Piercy Son of the Earl of *Northumberland*, headed a Party, and engaged the King's Forces near *Shrewsbury*, in which they were worsted; and their Leaders taken Prisoners. The Prince was wounded in the Head, and the Earl of *Stafford* with many others slain. In this Battle, Father fought against Son, Brother against Brother, and Uncle against Nephew. Shortly after, Sir Thomas Piercy was beheaded at *Shrewsbury*.

About this Time also the Dutch-  
es of *Breton* landed at *Falmouth*,  
and from thence proceeded to *Win-*  
chester,

*chester, where she was espoused to King Henry.*

Soon after *Richard Scroop* Archbishop of *York*, with Lord *Mowbray* Marshal of *England*, and others, raised a new Insurrection, and engaging the King's Forces near *York*, were worsted; the Archbishop and the Marshal taken Prisoners, and Both beheaded.

These Commotions carry on our Prophecy, wherein it is said, that, *both Wales and the North should rise against him, but that he should be politick, and quell their Rage.*

In the Fourteenth Year of his Reign, the King took a Voyage to the Holy Land, where he died, wholly fulfilling *Merlin's* Prediction, that, *his Reign would be troublesome; and that, when he thought*  
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himself secure, (hoping to cleanse himself from the Bloud of the Kid by taking a Voyage to the Holy Land ;) yet that he should fail, and die in Jerusalem.

Thus, after a Reign of above Fourteen Years, he left behind him Four Sons, Henry Prince of Wales; Thomas Duke of Clarence; John Duke of Bedford; and Humphry Duke of Gloster. With Two Daughters, One Queen of Denmark, the other Dutcheſs of Bavaria. His Body being brought to England, was deposited in the Cathedral of Canterbury.

HENRY the Fifth, of that Name, ſucceeded his Father 1412, of whom and whoſe Reign, it was thus predicted, viz.

## MERLIN'S *Eighteenth* PROPHECY.

Note, a strange mixture in the Planets seed,  
 For now a Mercury, a Mars shall breed,  
 Who in his Arms accommodate and fit  
 Shall compass more by Warre, than he by wit;  
 The Caduceus to a Sword shall change,  
 And grim Orion shall, tho' it seem strange,  
 Sit in Utræa's Orb, and from her teare,  
 The three-leaf'd-flower the in her hand did beare,  
 And turn it to a Lawrell, to adorn  
 The Lyon's brows, whom late the Toad did scorn,  
 And after many a furious Victory,  
 At length invested shall the Lyon bee.  
 In a new Throne, to which his Claim is faire,  
 As being match'd unto the Kingdomes Heire:  
 Living, this Royal Beast shall lose no time  
 But he at last from Earth snatch'd in his Prime.

This Prince, soon after his Co-  
 ronation, caused the Body of King  
*Richard* to be removed from the  
*Fryars* to *Langley*, and solemnly  
 interred on the South Side of Saint  
*Edward's* Shrine in *Westminster-*  
*Abbey* near that of his Wife Queen  
*Anne*.

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In the second Year of his Reign he held a Parliament at *Leicester*, in which the *Commons* promoted a *Bill* against the *Clergy* for keeping too much of the *Temporalities* in their Hands. They imagining that the King would pass it into an *Act*, reminded his Majesty of the Claim he had to the Crown of *France*; and several of the Bishops offered large Sums of Money to stop the farther Progress of the said Bill, and gained their Point.

However, the King listening to the Advice of the Bishops, sent Letters to the *French* King to demand his Right; but that Monarch despised his Claim: upon which, Preparations were made to open a War between them.

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In the *Third* Year of his Reign, he went, attended by his Nobles, to *Southampton*, where he had ordered his Army to meet him; and there, *Richard* Earl of *Cambridge*, Sir *Richard Scroope* (Treasurer of *England*) and Sir *Thomas Gray*, were Arrested for High Treason; arraigned, fined, and convicted, and on the 29th of *July* Beheaded.

The Day after their Execution the King put to Sea; landed in *Normandy* on the 16th of *August*, and immediately laid Siege to *Harflew* and took it. King *Henry* next became victorious at *Agincourt*; pursued his Conquests in *France*, and in his Return Home, brought many Prisoners to *Calais*; where, he and his Army, for some Time rested,

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Thus was it truly prophesied of Him, that, *among the Planets-Seed a strange Mixture should be found; that, a Mercury should bring forth a Mars; who should acquire more by his Arms, than the other by his Wit.*

By *Mercury* and *Mars*, were figured King *Henry* and his *Father*, who by his Military Prowess achieved more than had been done in the foregoing Reign by Artifice.

The King was most joyfully and magnificently received at his Return from *France*; when, at that Time, arrived here the Emperor *Sigismund*; the Duke of *Briga*; another *German Prince*, and the Duke of *Holland*, all whom the King made Knights of the Garter: and, after about

about two Months Stay here, He conducted them as far as *Calais*.

Many Victories at Sea were gained by the *English* Fleet, and the King made a second Expedition into *France*; where, as before, he became Conqueror; and at length such an Unity was effected between the two Crowns, that at the Instance of *Philip*, Duke of *Burgogne*, the King, at *Troyes* in *Champagne*, solemnized a Marriage with the Lady *Catharine*, Heiress to the Crown of *France*. And farther, a strict League of Friendship was in all Respects confirmed; so that it was seen, *The Caducean-Rod of his Father*, was turned into a *Sword*. That *Orion* took place of *Astræa*, and tore the *Fleur-de-Lis* out of her Hand, turning it into a *Laurel* to adorn the Brows of the *Lyon* whom the *Toad* had slighted.

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The same Allegory as before, of *Mercury* and *Mars*; is here figured by *Orion*, who is called *Lucifer* for the Terribleness of his Aspect, he removeth *Astræa* the Goddess of Justice out of her Seat, rending from her the *Fleur-de-Lis* with which he crowned the *Lyon*, i. e. King *Henry*, whom the *Toad* did slight and scorn (thus demonstrated) viz. The *Three Toads* being originally the Arms of *France*, afterwards changed to the *Three Fleur-de-Lys*.

King *Henry* and his new *Queen* were magnificently treated at *Paris*; where, after a short Respite, he laid Siege to divers Towns, and reduced the same to his Obedience. He then returned to *England*; and, in the Tenth Year of his Reign, on

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the 6th Day of *Deoember*, was born at *Windsor*, HENRY Prince of *Wales*.

At *Easter* following, the Queen went to *France*, where by her Father and Mother she was most Royally received. King *Henry* being still deeply busied in his *Gallic*-Wars, and gaining from that Kingdom both Towns and Cities, fell grievously sick at *Boys de Vincennes*, where he died on the last Day of *August*.

It was very remarkable, that on the Birth of his Son the King thus delivered himself, *I Henry born at Monmouth, shall remain but for a short time, and gain much; but Henry born at Windsor shall reign long, and lose All.*

The Body of King *Henry* the Fifth, being embalmed, was sent  
over,

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over, and sumptuously interred in *Westminster*, concluding *Merlin's* Prediction,

That after many a famous Victory,  
At length invest'd should the Lyon be  
In a new Throne; to which his Claim was fair,  
As being match'd unto the Kingdom's Heir,  
Living this Royal Beast did lose no Time,  
But yet from Earth was snatched in his Prime.

*HENRY* the Sixth of that Name, his only Son, an Infant but of Nine Months old, was crowned King 1422, the Duke of *Gloucester* was made Protector of his Person and Realm; and the Duke of *Bedford* was made Regent of *France*. Thus was the young Prince fixed under the Guardianship of his Two Uncles.

In the *First* Year of his Reign died *CHARLES* the *Seventh* King of *France*; by whose Death that Crown and Realm devolved to our



young King *Henry*, the Possession of which, was by the unanimous Consent of the Lords of *France*, except some few who joined with the *Dauphin*, delivered to the Duke of *Bedford* as Regent.

So successful was our Regent, that he won from the *Dauphin* above 24 strong Holds and Castles, to the great Honour of the *English* Nation, and this was performed in the second Year of King *Henry's* Reign.

He was crowned at *Westminster* in the *Ninth* Year of his Age, when he made 36 Knights of the *Bath*. Shortly after his Coronation Preparations were made for the King's Journey into *France*, and on St. *George's* Day following, he took Shipping and landed at *Calais* with a most noble Train of *English* Nobility,

bility, during whose Abode there many Battles were fought between the *English* and *French*, the latter of whom were mostly victorious, which was attributed to the Magical Feats of a Sorceress called *Joan de Arc*, or *Le Pucel de Dieu*, the *Mayden of God*. She was, herself, in many Engagements, and at length came to the Town of *Compeigne*, with Intent to relieve it from the Siege laid thereto by the Duke of *Burgoigne* and the *English*, but by the Valour of Sir *John Luxemburgh*, a *Burgonian* Knight, she, and her Party, were wholly discomfited, and herself taken Prisoner. They carried her to *Roban*, where she was kept some time upon her Pretence of being with Child, but the contrary being found, she was tried, adjudged to Death, and her Body burnt to Ashes. This sarcastical

stical Epitaph was made upon her,  
*viz.*

*Here lies Joan of Arc, the which,  
Some count Saint, and some count  
Witch;  
Some count Man, and something more,  
Some a Maid, and some a Whore.*

In the *Tenth* Year of his Reign,  
King Henry was, at *Paris*, crown-  
ed King of *France*, on the 7th  
Day of *December*. His Majesty  
retired to the City of *Roan*, where  
he kept his *Christmas*, from whence  
returning to *England*, he was most  
joyfully received, and of whom it  
was thus predicted, *viz.*

## MERLIN'S *Nineteenth* PROPHECY.

*How comes the Sun to Rise, where he should set?  
Or, how Lambs, Lyons; Lyons, Lambs beget?*

*Pet*



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Pet so't must be. The Lamb tho' doubly crown'd,  
And thinking his large Empire had no Bound,  
Pet shall a Dolphin, at a low Ebb, land,  
And snatch one pow'rful Sceptre from his hand.  
Thus it falls out 'twixt Father and the Son,  
And soze shall lose whatever Monmouth wonne.  
A Tygresse then in Title only proud,  
In the Lamb's Bosome seeks herself to shroud;  
A seeming Saint: At first, Meek and Devout,  
But in short Time her Fiercenesse will break out,  
Nor can her Rab'nous Fury be withstood,  
Untill, full-sated, with best English Blood:  
But a young Lyon, he at length shall tame,  
And send her empty back from whence she came.  
Much Trouble shall be made about the Crowne,  
And Kings, as soon as rais'd, as soon put down.

After many Engagements betwixt the *English* and the *French*,  
CHARLES the *Dauphin* became King  
of *France*, and declared himself an  
utter Enemy to this Nation.

In the *Fourteenth* Year of King  
HENRY's Reign, died the most  
Noble Duke of *Bedford*, Regent of  
*France*, and was pompously buried  
at *Roban*. Shortly after, the Earl of  
*Suffolk* sought to supplant the Duke  
of

of *Gloucester*, Lord Protector and Uncle to the King ; which, in the End, was the Destruction of them Both.

In his *One and Twentieth* Year King HENRY was married at *Southwick* in *Hampshire* to *Margaret*, Daughter of the King of *Jerusalem*. Providence seemed displeased with this Match ; for, from henceforward, Fortune began to forsake the King. He lost his Friends in *England*, and his Revenues in *France*, by permitting the Queen to sway the Realm. Her Counsels were very pernicious, and from them proceeded not only the Loss of *Normandy*, but a Rebellion of the Lords and Commons. The King was deposed, her Son slain, and herself banished the Land for ever. These Miseries ensued, as it was universally conjectured, on Account of the  
King's

King's Breach of a Marriage-Contract, first made between him and a Daughter of the Earl of *Arminiack*, wholly owing to the Avarice of the Earl of *Suffolk*.

In the Twenty-Fifth Year of King *HENRY* a Parliament was called at *Bury St. Edmond's* in *Suffolk*, which was no sooner assembled, than *Humphrey* Duke of *Gloucester* was arrested for High Treason; and in six Days after, found dead in his Bed; not without strong Suspicion of being murdered: of which the Marquis of *Suffolk* was chiefly suspected. His Body, after being publickly shewn, was interred at *St. Albans*. Soon after, five of his Domesticks were Drawn and Hanged, but by the King's Mercy not Quartered.



In the *Twenty-Eighth* Year was called another Parliament, wherein the Marquis of *Suffolk* was arrested for High Treason, and committed to the Tower, but in a Month's Time was set at Liberty, not only to the Discontent of many of the *Lords*, but all the *Commons*; of which one *Bluebeard* called himself Captain. These Commotions were soon suppressed, and the Chief of the Ringleaders executed.

This Year also being the Jubilee, the *Commons* of *Kent* assembled themselves in great Numbers, headed by one *Jack Cade*, who called himself *Mortimer*. This Fellow being for some time very troublesome, was at length taken, by a *Kentish* Gentleman, in a Garden in *Sussex*, who through the Opposition he made slew him. His Body was brought

brought to *London*, his Head put upon the Bridge, and his Quarters sent to four Towns in *Kent*, to be exposed as a Terror to the late Offenders.

In his *Twenty-Ninth* Year, on account of the Duke of *Somerset's* having given up *Normandy*, some of the Lords were displeased with the Queen and her Counsel; inso-much that the Duke of *York*, Father of King *EDWARD* the *Fourth*, with many Lords to him allied, opposed themselves against her; and the Year following, the King with the Duke of *Somerset* and other Nobles marched towards *Wales*, thinking to meet the Duke of *York* and his Forces. But they met at last on *Blackbeath*, where a Truce was made betwixt them. The Duke of *York* declared, that his Intent was only to redress Grievan-

ces, and not to hurt the King's Person, but to remove some evil Ministers from the Queen. The King agreeing to the Duke's Terms, he disbanded his Forces, and came to the King's Tent; where, greatly to his Surprize, he found the Duke of *Somerſet* in Waiting. The King revoked his Promise, and the Duke of *York* was himſelf ſeized and ſent Priſoner to *London*, and had been cloſe confined, but that News was brought Sir *Edward* his Son, Earl of *March*, was coming thither with a ſtrong Party of *Welſhmen* and *Marchmen*, which ſo ſurprized the Queen and her Counſellors, that the Duke of *York* was inſtantly ſet at Liberty, and all, outward, Marks of Favour ſhewn unto him.

Thus came to paſs, that Part of the Prophecy which ſaith, that, *although the Lamb was doubly crown-*  
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ed, and thought his Empire boundless; yet, at low Ebb, a Dolphin should deprive him of his Scepter. And that as to Father and Son, whatever Monmouth had gained should be lost by Windsor.

I. King Henry VI. from the Meekness of his natural Disposition, was compared to a Lamb.

II. He was doubly crowned both at London and Paris.

III. The Dauphin; (i. e. Dolphin) of Vien being reduced to the lowest Ebb of State, did in time (through the Perfidiousness of the Duke of Burgoigne) recover the whole Realm of France, with the Dukedom of Normandy; whereby, he was enabled to deprive Henry of one Scepter; so that, in fine, this Prince no way participating the Noble and Heroic

Heroic Spirit of his Father, lost all by his Pusillanimity that *Henry V.* born at *Monmouth*, had atchieved through his unmatched Prowess.

In his *Thirty-first* Year, the Queen still continued the Pursuit of her ambitious Views; insomuch that after many Conflicts the Duke of *York*, was not only made Protector, but proclaimed Heir to the Crown. So that as *Merlin* says, the Queen proved a *Tygress*, proud only of a Title, sheltering herself in the *Lamb's* Bosom. By her, seeming, Meekness and Devotion she was, at first, looked upon as a *Saint*; but in a short time her Ambition displayed itself.

For could her rab'nous Fury be withstood,  
Untill full-sated with best English Blood.

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This was manifested,

I. By her causing the King to remove from *London* to *Coventry*, and sending from thence by a Privy Seal, for the Earls of *Warwick* and *Salisbury*, whose Lives were Ambushed in the Way; of which having Notice, they escaped the Danger.

II. The Queen's next Attempts were against the Earl of *Warwick's* Father, and in the Close of these Turmoils the Duke of *York* was slain in the bloody Battle of *Wakefield*. Upon this, the Queen thought all safe, and that all her Views would be accomplished: She now exulted with more Pride than ever, in the Height of which, News was brought her, that *EDWARD* Earl of *March*, eldest Son of the Duke of *York*,



*York*, with the Earl of *Warwick* and others, attended by a numerous Force, were marching towards *London*. But before her quitting *St. Albans*, where the King and she then resided, she caused the Lord *Bonsfield* and others to be Beheaded. However, at length, *Henry* was deposed for his Breach of Honour and Oath; who being looked upon as Queen-rid, was therefore insufficient to govern the Realm; so that *EDWARD*, eldest Son of the Duke of *York*, was elected King. And the King, Queen, Prince *Edward*, the Duke of *Somerset*, Lord *Rosse* and others, were forced to fly into *Scotland*, and King *EDWARD* entered the City of *York* in Triumph.

Thus, after above thirty eight Years Reign, *Henry* lost the Crown, and his turbulent Queen forfeited all her Right in the Kingdom; verifi-  
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ing what was predicted, that, a young *Lyon* should be tamed, who would send her back to the Place from whence she came. That,

Much Trouble would ensue about the Crown,  
And Kings soon Rais'd, as soon be Tumbled down.

We next come to *EDWARD*, the Fourth of that Name, Son of *Richard* Duke of *York*, who took Possession of the Throne, on Saint *Peter's* Day 1461. He was solemnly crowned at *Westminster*, when he made *Thirty-six* Knights of the *Bath*; and soon after King *Edward* was proclaimed an Usurper, the Duke of *Gloucester* a Traytor, and Both Attainted by Parliament. But in a short Time, *Edward* rallied his Forces, became victorious in two Battles, at *Barnet* and *Tewksbury*, where Prince *Edward*, King *Henry's* only Son, was taken Prisoner and killed in his Father's Prefence. Thus

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again,

again, was King *Edward* possessed of the Kingdom.

King *Henry* was a second Time sent to the Tower, where he was murdered by the Duke of *Gloucester*; and the Duke of *Clarence* was attainted in Parliament, and afterwards privately murdered in the Tower.

King *Edward* having thus subdued his Enemies, he sent over the distressed Queen *Margaret* into her own Country, whence she never returned. The Body of King *Henry* the Sixth was very irreverently brought from the Tower to Saint *Paul's*, where it was lodged for one Night, and the next, carried to *Chelsea*, where it was without any Solemnity interred.

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There happened not any thing more of Consequence during this Reign, but the Realm was quietly governed, and after a Reign of above *Twenty-two* Years, the King died of a Surfeit at *Westminster*, the 11th of *April*, 1483. His Body was, with all due and solemn Ceremony, interred at *Windsor*.

The last Prophecy, being in all respects accomplished, we are next to proceed to the Reign of King

*EDWARD*, the *Fifth* of that Name, who at Eleven Years of Age began his Reign 1483; and of whom, and his Uncle *Richard* Duke of *Gloucester*, we shall here give

**MERLIN'S Twentieth  
PROPHECY.**

From the Herculean Lyon lately sphere'd,  
 And in his Orb to Jove himself endear'd;  
 Shall shine two Stars, without Eclipse or Cloud,  
 But they as to some sacred Offering vow'd;  
 Shall perish on the Altar e'er they grow,  
 To that full Splendor, which the world they owe.  
 A Punch-bach'd Monster who with Teeth is born,  
 The Mockery of Art, and Nature's Scorn;  
 Who from the tomb prepos'trously is hurl'd,  
 And with feet forward thrust into the world,  
 Shall from the lower Earth on which he stood,  
 Made by Step he mounteth deep in Blood.  
 He shall to th' Height of all his Hopes aspire,  
 And cloath'd in State his ugly Shape admire;  
 But when he thinks himself most safe to stand,  
 From foreign Parts a native help shall land,  
 Who shall the long-divided Blood unite,  
 By joining of the Red-Wolf with the White.

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*The German Horse, at length the Lyon join'd.*

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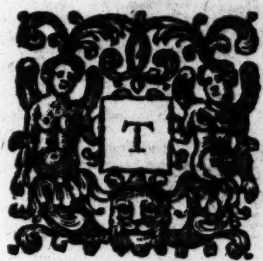
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our IMMORTAL  
Queen *ELIZABETH*, I  
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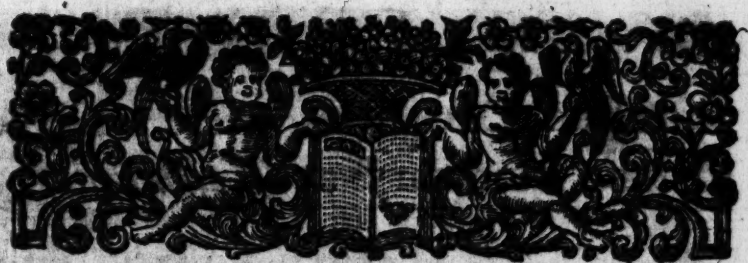
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 You will pardon this Pre-  
 sumption in One who  
 sincerely *wishes* You All  
 You can *wish* Yourself in  
*this* World, and all that  
 You desire in the *next*.

*Your most Obedient,*

*Humble Servant,*

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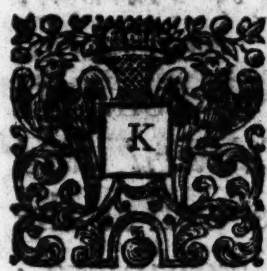


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ING EDWARD, V.  
was never Crowned.  
Immediately on his  
Succession the Duke  
of Gloucester seized  
upon Earl Rivers, Brother of the  
Queen, and got the young King in-  
to his Power ; whereupon her Ma-  
jesty with her other Son Richard,  
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and five Daughters, were obliged to take Sanctuary at *Westminster*.

The Duke of *Gloucester* next prevailed upon the Council to constitute him Protector both of the King and Kingdom; and likewise with the Queen to put under his Care her Son *Richard* Duke of *York*; which done, he claps up him, with the King, in the Tower.

*Gloucester* now performed his Political Operations by cutting off the Heads of Lord *Hastings*, *Anthony Woodville*, Earl *Rivers*, and Lord *Richard Gray* the Queen's Son. He then declared King *Edward* and the Duke of *Clarence*, as well as the Issue of *Edward IV*, illegitimate; and by the Duke of *Buckingham's* Assistance usurped the Throne by the Name of *Richard III*. The two Princes he caused to be smothered

thered in their Beds, in the Tower, but where their Bodies were buried is uncertain.

Thus according to the foregoing Prophecy, the *Herculean* Lyon (King *Edward IV.*) lately *sphered* (i. e. by Death translated above the *Spheres*) the *two* luminous Stars, *Edward V.* and his Brother *Richard*, Duke of *York*, were *sacrificed*, as an *Offering*, on the *Altar*. The Remainder of the Prophecy we shall find verified in the Usurper.

**RICHARD**, III. was crowned at *Westminster* with **ANNE** his Queen 1483, she was the youngest Daughter of *Richard Nevil* the Great Earl of *Warwick*, Relict of Prince *Edward* Son of *Henry VI.*

*Richard* was crowned a second time at *York*; and his only Son



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*Edward* created Prince of *Wales*. He called a Parliament the next Year 1484, who recognized his Title, and this Year died the Prince of *Wales*; upon which the Duke of *Buckingham* set up the Earl of *Richmond's* Title to the Crown, and raised Forces against King *Richard*; but the Duke being taken at *Shrewsbury*, was there beheaded. The Earl of *Richmond* and his Adherents were attainted by Parliament, 1485, King *Richard's* Queen died, and the Earl of *Richmond* landed in *Wales*. Soon after, he fiercely engaged King *Richard* at *Bosworth* Field, near *Leicester*, where, by his own Hand, the King fell, and his Army was totally routed.

Short were these Reigns, *Edward* V. being but of two Months and 18 Days Continuance; and *Richard* III. was but two Years and two

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two Months. He was buried in the *Gray-Fryars Church of Leicester*, but left no Issue behind him.

Such was the Fate of this deformed Monster *Richard III.* who, as the Prophecy tells us, was the Scorn of Nature and the Mockery of Art. He is said to have been born with Teeth, and came preposterously into the World with his Feet forward. Every Step to his Ambition, says MERLIN, *he shall mount Knee-deep in Bloud; and, when mounted to the Height of all his Hopes, then admiring in State his ugly Shape, and thinking himself most safe, shall be pulled down by a native Whelp,*

*Who shall the long-divided Blood unite,  
By joining of the Red Rose with the White.*

Next *HENRY*, the *Seventh* of that Name, Son of the Earl of *Richmond*,

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mond, began his Reign 1485, and was crowned at *Westminster*.

In the *second* Year of his Reign he espoused *Elizabeth* eldest Daughter of King *Henry IV.* who the Year after was likewise crowned at *Westminster*. King *Henry VII.* being the native Lyon's Whelp, who was to unite the *White* and *Red* Roses. For by his Marriage, the long divided Houses of *York*, who gave the *White*, and *Lancaster*, who gave the *Red Rose*, were most happily conjoined; and from *that* to *this*, present, Day, have never been disparted. Now therefore let us hear

MERLIN'S *Twenty-First* PROPHECY of this *Prince's* Reign.

The Spirit that was merely Saturnine,  
Being suppress'd, upon the Land shall shine  
Planets of a more glad Aspect, and make  
Peace from their Orbs, fix'd in the Zodiacke:

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Met from the cold Septentrion, Mars shall threat,  
And warm their rigid Pulses with his Heat.  
And Mercury shall (tho' it may seem rare)  
Consult with Cassiopeia in her Chair,  
To fashion strange Impostures, but War's God  
By Sword, no; Hermes with his charming Rod,  
Shall aught prevaile: where Power with Princes  
meet,

And when Religion shall Devotion greet;  
Where all these Four at once, preda'm'nant are  
Dain are th' Attempts of Stratagem or Warre;  
But he who of the former is possest  
Shall be Abroad renown'd; at Home be blest.  
Fame, afar off his Glorious Name shall tell,  
And Plenty, near hand, make his Treasures swell.

By the Saturnine-Spirit, is figured  
the bloody Catastrophe of *Richard*  
the *Third*. For, as *Saturn* was said  
to devour his own Children, so did  
*Richard* thirst after the Bloud of his  
own Brother and Nephews; which  
justifies the Allusion herein.

King *Henry* being peaceably in-  
stated in his Throne, his Queen in  
1486 was delivered of a Son named  
*Arthur*.

The King's old inveterate Enemy the Dutchess of *Burgundy* set up an Impostor called *Lambert Symnel*, a Baker's Son, to personate *Richard Duke of York*. But hearing that the King intended to take off the young Earl of *Warwick*, Son to the Duke of *Clarence*, then a Prisoner in the Tower, they changed *Symnel's* Name from *York* to *Warwick*; sending him to *Ireland*, where he was proclaimed King, and crowned at *Dublin* by the Name of *Edward the Sixth*.

The Queen Dowager of *Edward the Fourth* was confined in *Bermondsey* Abbey in *Surrey*, and her Estate seized by the King, who suspected her to be concerned in this Contrivance of setting up *Symnel*: But she died shortly after.

*Symnel,*

*Symnel*, with the Earl of *Lincoln*, and a Body of *Irish* Troops, landed, 1487, but were defeated by the King's Forces at *Stoke*, near *Newark* upon *Trent*; the Earl of *Lincoln* was killed upon the Spot, with 4000 of his Party; and *Symnel* and his Tutor made Prisoners. The King would not put this poor, wretched Impostor to Death, but made him a Scullion in his Kitchen, and afterwards one of his Falconers, in which Post he died. His Tutor was committed to some obscure Prison, and never heard of more.

In the fourth Year of his Reign there happened an Insurrection in the North about Taxes, wherein the Earl of *Northumberland* was killed, but the Commotion was soon suppressed.

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*June*



*June 22, 1491, Prince Henry was Born at Greenwich. And, this Year, the Moors were driven out of Spain, and America discovered by Christopher Columbus.*

The Dutchess of *Burgundy* devises new Plots to disturb the Peace of the King, by setting up, another Impostor, *Perkin Warbeck*; but this Wretch was soon routed, and many of his Followers hanged.

The Disturbances in the *North* being quelled, fulfills what was prophesied that, altho' this *Nation* was threatened from that *Quarter*, yet *Mars* with his *Heat* soon expelled their *Frigidity*.

*Perkin*, and some of his Adherents, rallying again, he is taken and sent to the Tower, and in the  
end

end hanged at *Tyburn*. The Lord *Stanley* and the Earl of *Warwick* lost their Heads on this Fellow's Behalf, 1499.

The next Year, 1500, there happened so great a Plague in *England*, that the King and Court were obliged to retire to *Calais* for Safety.

Prince *Arthur* married *Catharine* the Infanta of *Spain*, he being about 15 and she 18 Years of Age, Nov. 14, 1502, but the *April* following, He died at *Ludlow-Castle*.

Prince *Henry* being about twelve Years of Age was created Prince of *Wales*, and contracted to the Infanta *Catharine* his late Brother's Wife.

King *HENRY* the *Seventh's* Chapel, at the *East-End* of *Westminster-Abbey* was built 1505.

King *Henry's* eldest Daughter, the Princess *Margaret*, was this Year married to *James IV.* King of *Scotland*. And the next Year the King by his two evil Ministers *Empson* and *Dudley* extorted large Sums of Money from his Subjects; upon which, another Conspiracy broke out, through the Means of the Earls of *Suffolk*, *Devonshire*, and others, but it was soon blasted.

*Christ*-College, and that of Saint *John* the Evangelist in *Cambridge*, were founded by the King's Mother *Margaret* Countess of *Richmond* and *Derby* 1508. And on the 22d of *April*, the next Year, King *Henry* died in the 53d Year of his Age, and the 24th of his Reign. He was magnificently buried in his own Chapel at *Westminster*. He left near Two Millions of Money which



which he acquired by Extortion; but in some Measure to make amends he converted the Palace of the *Savoy* into an Hospital, and built several Religious Houses.

We have in this Prince's Reign beheld how, agreeing with the Prophecy, all the Ducheſs of *Burgundy's* Plots were confounded in hanging of *Perkin Warbeck*, of whom *Merlin* had long before predicted that, *Mercury* and *Cassiopeia* should consult to set up *Impostures* alluding to the Stratagems of this Ducheſs. But proceeds *Merlin*, Neither *Mars* with his *Sword*, nor *Hermes* with his *Divining-Wand*, shall ever prevail when *Power*, *Prudence*, *Religion* and *Devotion*, are in *Conjunction*. And where the first was lodged, that Prince should be renowned Abroad, happy at Home, and *Plutus* would swell his *Coffers*,  
alluding

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*alluding to the Riches of which  
HENRY VII. died possesst.*

HENRY the *Eighth* of that Name,  
ascended the Throne 1509. He  
was joyfully received as the Succes-  
sor of so worthy a Prince as his  
Father; who was both famous and  
fortunate from the beginning to the  
end of his Reign, of whom *Mer-  
lin* in his *Twenty-second* Prophecy  
thus singeth, viz.

House him shall this fierce Upon in his Den,  
Be favour'd of the Gods, and fear'd of Men.  
Gallia shall quake, Albania stand in Awe,  
And Cæsars stoop if he but shews his Paw.  
To league with him Hesperia shall take Pride,  
Those whom the Africk Moors half black had dy'd,  
He, by his Art, shall fashion Musical Sounds  
From th' untun'd Vary, that Discords only sounds,  
And farther from the Septarchy of Hills,  
That Europe awes, and Triple-Crown, that fills  
The Christian World with Terror: take the Power  
And bring it Home unto his British Power:  
Blunting the Horns of all the Vasan Bulls,  
And rooting from the Land the razor'd Skulls:  
O'er Clactenbury, for the Eye that's dim,  
May at that Day behold a Whiting swim.  
But none without their Faults since Adam's Fall,  
He shall have many Virtues but not all,

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Who neder spares (for who can Frailetyrust ?)  
Man in his Rage, nor Woman in his Lust.  
The Hare shall hinde, upon the Harth-Stone,  
And Lads shall wed Lasses when Lords are gone.

This Prince solemnized his Marriage with his Brother's Widow, and they were both crowned at *Westminster*.

The first public Act he performed was hanging those two evil Counsellors of his Father, *Empson* and *Dudley*.

A Prince was born at *Richmond*, but died the Year following.

In the *fourth* Year of his Reign, the King in Person invaded *France*, and took *Terouonne* and *Tournay*.

Upon an Infurrection of the *Scots* King, *James IV*, he was defeated at *Floddon* Field, and himself killed upon the Spot.

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There fell, likewise, in this Battle, *Eight* Bishops and *Eleven* Earls; and, of the common Soldiers, the Slaughter was almost innumerable.

In his *Sixth* Year a Peace was concluded between *England* and *France*; and in his *Seventh*, the King of *France* espoused the Lady *Mary*, the King's Sister, in the Month of *May*, but he dying on New-Years-Day following, the King sent for Her back again.

In *February* the Princess *Mary* was born at *Greenwich*; and in *April* the Queen of *France* came into *England*, and was married to the Duke of *Suffolk*: in which Year also *Margaret* Queen of *Scotland*, the King's Sister, fled hither, and lay at a Place called *Hare-Bottle*, where she was delivered of

a Daughter named *Margaret*. She arrived in *London* in *May*, and after a Year's Residence she returned back to her own Country.

In the *Tenth* Year of his Reign, the *French* Admiral arrived here, and *Tournay* was delivered up to the King of *France*. Shortly after the two Kings had an Interview between *Arde* and *Guienne*, where were great Triumphs. There was also a solemn Meeting betwixt the *Emperour Charles V.* and the King of *England*, who went with him to *Graveling*, and afterwards to *Calais*, where he was most sumptuously entertained.

In his *Thirteenth* Year, the *Emperour Charles V.* was most honourably received by the Lord-Mayor and Citizens of *London*, who with them went to meet the King at

*Windsor*, where he was created Knight of the Garter, and soon after returned into *Spain*.

CHRISTIAN King of *Denmark* next paid the King a Visit, and was entertained here in a very grand Manner.

During these Royal Interviews, the Earl of *Surrey*, Lord Admiral, who before had appeased the Multitude in *Ireland*, burnt divers Towns in *Brittany* and *Picardy*, and the Duke of *Suffolk* invaded *France* with 10,000 Men, and passing the River *Soane*, spoiled many Towns and Villages, returning without Opposition.

The Duke of *Albany*, in *Scotland*, who had before made a fruitless Attempt against *England*, besieged the Castle of *Werk*, but  
hearing



hearing of the Earl of Surrey's March towards him, he retreated.

Cardinal *Wolfey*, in the *Eighteenth* Year of this Reign, was sent Ambassador to *France*, to conclude a League between the two Crowns, who both defied the Emperour, and sent an Army into *Italy* to make War against him. Upon which the Great Master of *France* came over to *England* to ratify the League above-mentioned, which verifies that Part of the Prediction, wherein it is said, that, *The fierce Lyon who roused himself, should be favoured both by God and Men.* And, if he but shewed his Paw, that *France*, *Scotland*, and the Emperour, should stoop to him, and come readily into his Measures. Also that *Spain*, and the *African Moors*, should yield to the British *LYON*.

In his *Twenty-first* Year, the King fell in Love with *Anne Boleyn*, and by all possible Means sought a Divorce from his Queen; pretending Matter of Conscience, and that he had long incestuously lived with his Brother's Wife. On which Account Legates from *Rome* came over to debate the Lawfulness and Unlawfulness of the King's Marriage. Cardinal *Wolsey*, strongly opposing a Divorce, was displaced from his Chancellorship; and, a Peace being concluded between the Emperor and the King; the Year after, this Great Cardinal who had been arrested for High-Treason, and by that Means his immense Riches forfeited to the Crown, died on the Festival of St. *Andrew*, not without Suspicion of being poisoned.

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The King was afterwards divorced from his Queen, and married *Anne of Boleyn*. She was also on *Whitsunday* crowned Queen of *England*, and on *Midsummer-Day* following, died the Princess *Mary*, the King's Sister, Dowager Queen of *France*, who had married *Charles Brandon* Earl of *Suffolk*.

In a Tournament at this famous Marriage, the Trappings of the Earl's Horse, being Half *Cloth of Gold*, and the other Half *Frize*, were composed these Verses,

*Cloth of Gold do not despise,  
Tho' Thou art match'd with Cloth of Frize:  
Cloth of Frize be not too bold,  
Tho' Thou art match'd with Cloth of Gold.*

denoting hereby the great Disparity of this Match.

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On the Eve of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin following, was born Princess ELIZABETH at *Greenwich*, in which Year, as an happy Presage of her future Love unto the Gospel of *Christ*, it was enacted, that, No Man should sue out any Appeal to the See of Rome on any Occasion whatsoever.

In the Twenty-seventh Year, died Queen Catherine the Divorced Queen. The next Year Queen Anne of Boleyn, together with her Brother the Lord Rochford, Norris, Weston, Brereton and Merks, were attainted of High Treason and Beheaded. Soon after which, the King married the Lady Jane Seymour, 1537.

On Saint Edward's-Eve, in June, Prince EDWARD was born at *Hamp-*  
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*ton-Court*; and on the 23d of *October* following *Queen JANE* died, and was interred at *Windsor*.

Now the *KING* Abolished all the *Usurped Power* of the *POPE* out of *England*, and took upon himself the sole *Supremacy* of the *Church*, and to his Majesty were granted the *First-Fruits* and *Tenths* of all *Spiritual Possessions*.

For denying this *Supremacy* of the *KING*, *Sir Thomas More*, Lord Chancellor, and *Fisher* Bishop of *Rochester*, were beheaded, as were likewise Three Monks of the *Charter-House* for the same Offence. Then followed the *Dissolution* of all *Abbeys*, *Fryaries*, and *Nunneries* throughout the Realm, and a Proclamation was issued for Reading the *English-Bible* in all Churches. All which farther fulfil the Prophecy,  
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*that, the Bishop on Seven Hills; who, with his Triple Crown, filled the Christian World with Terror, should be divested of his Usurped Power, and have all the Horns of his Basan-Bulls blunted by an English Prince, and his shorn-headed Monks put to flight,*

Many suffered for denying the King's Supremacy, viz. Forrest, a Fryar, was executed in Smithfield, as were likewise the Abbots of Reading, Colchester, and Glastenbury: the last of whom, named Whiting, the King commanded to be hanged upon the Top of the Tower, so that he might there be seen at Twenty Miles distance, which occasioned this Distich in the Prophecy,

O'er Glastenbury,— the Eye that's dim,  
May at that Day behold a Whiting swim.

Allegorically alluding to that Abbot's



bot's *Name*, it being impossible for the Sea, on the most violent Inundation, to rise to such a Height. But the Abbot's *Body* indeed might be seen waving between the two Elements of Earth and Air.

After divers Rebellions in *Ireland* and elsewhere, all which were quashed, the Rebel *O Neale* with his Confederates submitted to the King's Grace and Mercy. After which *O Naile* was made Earl of *Tyrone*, and his Son Baron of *Duncannon*. Thus did our *Lyon*, King *Henry*, render the untunable *Irish* Harp, harmonious.

*Thomas Cromwell* Earl of *Essex*, and the Lord *Hungerford*, were, on *Tower Hill*, Beheaded for High Treason.

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In his *thirty-fifth* Year, the Earl of *Hertford*, Lieutenant-General of the *Scottish* Forces, landed at *Leith*, and ravaged and laid waste the Country, together with the City of *Edinborow*. For their eminent Services, he made at *Leith*, 45 Knights, and thus became the King victorious over *Scotland*.

In this Interim, War was proclaimed against *France*, and the King gave free Liberty to all his Subjects to use the *French* King in whatever Manner they thought proper as to Trade and Commerce; and the next Year he sent an Army to invade that Kingdom, and went to head them in Person. In this Expedition, on the 13th Day of *September*, the Town of *Boleyn* was victoriously conquered; and the same

same Year were taken above 300  
Sail of the *French* Navy.

The Year following, being the  
*Thirty-seventh* of his Reign, Peace  
was proclaimed between *England*  
and *France*. And the next Year by  
the King's express Command was  
Beheaded, on *Tower-Hill*, the Noble  
Earl of *Surrey*, on the 9th Day  
of *January*, and on the 28th Day  
of the same Month the King him-  
self departed this Life 1547. His  
Body was most Royally intombed  
at *Windsor* the 16th of *February*  
following.

King EDWARD the Sixth now  
Ascended the Throne, and on the  
19th Day of the same Month, rode  
with his Uncle Sir *Edward Seymour*  
(created Duke of *Somerset* and made  
Protector of *England* during the  
King's Minority) and the Nobility



of the Land, from the *Tower to Westminster Abbey*, where he was crowned by *Dr. Thomas Cranmer*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

Of this King's Birth, and Reign, hear what *MERLIN* prognosticated in his *twenty-third PROPHECY*.

By Birth a *Cesar*, and in Hopes as great,  
 Shall next ascend unto th' *Imperial Seat*.  
 Who, e'er mature, cropt in his tender Bloome,  
 Shall set more 'gainst, than *Cesar* did for *Rome*,  
 He, th' *Aristocracy Monarchall* makes;  
 This from the *Triple Crown* the *Scepter* takes.  
 Upright he shall between *Two Seas* stand,  
 One in the *Sea* firt, & other on the *Land*.  
 These shall his *Pupillage* strongly maintaine,  
 Secure the *Continent* and scour the *Main*.  
 But these *Supporters* will be ta'en away  
 By a *Northumber's Wolfe*, and *Suffolk's* *Gai*.  
 Then fall must this fair *Structure* built on high,  
 And th' *English* like the *Roman Cesar* die.

By the *Duke of Somerset*, then  
*Lord Protector's* Means, all *Popish*  
*Images* were pulled down, in all  
*Churches* throughout *England*. The  
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Marriages of Priests made lawful by Parliament, and *Bonner* Bishop of *London* and other *Romish* Prelates deposed; and the Church supplied with worthy Protestant Pastors in their Places, verifying the former Part of the Prediction, that, *The English CÆSAR*, should do more against, than the *Roman CÆSAR* could do for *Rome*.

An Ambassador was sent from *France* to congratulate this young Prince on his Succession to the Throne. *Sir Thomas Seymour*, Brother to the Protector, was made Lord High Admiral, and became victorious over the *Scottish* Fleet. As did likewise the King's Land Forces in the famous Battle of *Mosselborrow* Field.

It was now also ordained by the Lord Protector, That the Blessed  
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Sacrament should be administred,  
 in both Kinds, to the People; for  
 opposing which *Stephen Gardiner*  
 Bishop of *Winchester*, was sent to  
 the Tower. Orders were sent to  
 every Parish throughout *England*,  
 that no dead Body should be buried  
 before *Six* of the Clock in the  
*Morning*, nor after *Six* at *Night*;  
 and, that on the Death of any Per-  
 son, the Bell should toll three  
 Quarters, of an Hour at least.

The Dukes of *Northumberland*  
 and *Suffolk*, *Dudley* and *Grey*, now  
 greatly murmuring that the King's  
 two Uncles should bear the whole  
 Sway of the Realm, plotted with  
 their Wives to destroy them. Thus  
 it happened.

Sir *Thomas Seymour* Lord High  
 Admiral, having married the Queen  
 Dowager (who was the only Survi-  
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vor of *Henry* the VIIIth's Six Wives) contested with her Sister-in-Law for *Precedency*. To which the Protector's Wife, standing upon her *Priority*, would not by any Means be persuaded to yield. This Emulation, between the *Two Sisters*, soon roused their *Husbands* to appear in their Behalf; each defended their respective Deserts, insomuch that they impeached the Conduct of one another. And by the Instigation of the two incensed Ladies, a mortal Hatred arose between the *two* Brothers, insomuch that by the Protector's Means the Admiral was charged with Male-Administration in his Office, Tryed, and Beheaded; his Brother signing the Warrant for his Execution.

In a Month after this Removal of the Lord High Admiral, the Lord Protector was committed to the

the Tower, and impeached of High Treason. But after a Year's Imprisonment, upon his Submission, he was released, and enjoyed his former Honours. But, in a very short time after, his two potent Adversaries prosecuting their Resentments with the utmost Violence against him, he was called to a *second Account*, and tho' he had nobly acquitted himself before his Peers of all that was alledged against him, yet was he in the *Guildhall of London*, by a Jury of Citizens, convicted of Felony, and Beheaded for the same on *Tower-Hill*, farther verifying the Prediction, *That tho' the two Bases between whom the King stood, should secure the Land, and scour the Seas; yet these Supporters should be taken away by the Wolf and Gray, i. e. the Wives of Northumberland and Suffolk.*

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The Reason of King Edward's being called CÆSAR, in this Prophecy, was from his being cut, or ripped, out of his Mother's Womb.

On the 6th Day of July 1553; this pious young Prince departed this Life at Greenwich in the 16th Year of his Age. Some say that he died of a Pleuresy, others that he was poisoned by a Nofegay: It being generally murmured by the People that the two Uncles being removed, the Nephew could not long remain after, agreeing with the Close of the Prophecy,

Fall, then, must this Fair Structure built on high,  
And th' English like the Roman Cæsar die.

Religiously he lived; Devoutly he died; that he breathed his last is certain, but where his Body lies buried, to us most uncertain.

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The two ambitious Dukes of *Northumberland* and *Suffolk*, thinking to exclude the two Princesses, *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, reporting them illegitimate; made a Match between *Guilford Dudley*, Fourth Son of *Northumberland*, and the Lady *Jane Gray* only Daughter of the Duke of *Suffolk*, and pretending that King *Edward* had nominated her as his Successor, they proclaimed her Queen, which terminated in her Destruction.

The Princess *Mary* was at this Time at *Framingham* in *Suffolk*, and greatly surprized at this Proceeding. However, all *Northumberland's* Projects were soon defeated, himself arrested for High Treason, and committed Prisoner to the Tower.

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Queen MARY, after these Tumults were quelled, was crowned at *Westminster* by *Stephen Gardiner*, Bishop of *Winchester*, and the Princess ELIZABETH was present at the Solemnity, 1553.

MERLIN'S *Twenty-fourth* Prophecy  
of her Reign, viz.

Then shall the Masc'line Sceptre cease to sway,  
And the whole Land a Spinster shall obey;  
Who to the Papal Tripod shall restore,  
All that the Phoenix had fetcht thence before;  
Then shall come in the Faggot and the Stake,  
And they of Martyr-Bodies Bonfires make.  
Match shall this Lionesse with Cesar's Sonne,  
From the Pontifick Sea a Pool shall runne;  
That wide shall spread its Waters, and t'a Flood  
In time shall grow: made red with human Blood,  
When shall her short un-prosp'rous Reigne deploze,  
By Losse at Sea, and Damage on the Shore;  
When dead, her Heart dissect, and you in it  
Will in large Characters find Calais writ.

After Lady *Jane Gray*, fell the  
Bishops *Cranmer*, *Ridley* and *Lati-*  
*mer*. In short, the Cruelties of this  
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Reign are so particularized in this Prophecy (by the *Spinster's* undoing all that the *Phoenix* had done towards the establishing of the Protestant Faith) that it stands not in need of any other Explanation. The *Pool* which was to run from the *Pontific Sea*, is manifested in the Cardinal of that *Name*, who was the chief Instigator of the *Lioness*, and her Marriage with *Cæsar's* Son plainly points out *PHILIP* of *Spain*.

It was rumoured by some, that the Queen had an Inclination to marry Cardinal *Pool*; however that be, after *Cranmer's* Execution *Pool* was made Archbishop of *Canterbury*; but in three Years after his Promotion he died in the 58th Year of his Age, and was buried in *Thomas à Becket's* Chapel in *Canterbury* Cathedral, and



and this short Inscription put over him,

DEPOSITUM CARDINALIS POLL.

Upon the Arrival of PHILIP from *Spain*, he landed at *Southampton*, and was most magnificently received. His Nuptials with Queen MARY were solemnized at *Winchester* the 19th of *July*, 1554. After which they made a Public Entry through *London* to their Palace at *Westminster*.

The Cruelties exercised rendered her Reign unprosperous and short. PHILIP suspecting Plots, grew uneasy, and left the Land; at which MARY was very restless. The Loss of *Calais* went to her *Heart*, which, as our Prophet hinteth, and she herself declared, might be found written *thereon*. Her Vexations  
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threw her into a Consumption, which, joined by a burning Fever, took her off at the Palace at St. James in the 43d Year of her Age, on the 17th Day of *November* 1558. She reigned but 5 Years, 4 Months, and 11 Days.

On the Day of Queen MARY's Death, ELIZABETH was proclaimed Queen of these Realms to the universal Joy thereof. Of her MERLIN in his *Twenty-fifth* Prophecy thus proceedeth, *viz.*

From th'others Ashes shall a Phoenix rise,  
Whose Birth is thus predicted by the Wise  
Her chief predom'nant Star is Mercury,  
Jove shall with Venus in Conjunction be ;  
And Sol with them join with his best Aspect,  
With Ariadne's-Crown, Astraea deckt  
Shall then descend upon this Terrene Stage,  
(Not seen before since the First Golden Age)  
Against whom all the Latian Bulls shall roar,  
But at Jove's awful Summons shall give o'er.  
Thro' many Forges shall this Metall glide,  
Like Gold by Fire refin'd, and sev'n times tryde,  
Her bright and glorious Sun-beams shall expell  
The vain Clouds of the Candle, Book, and Bell.

Domestic Plots and Stratagems Abroad,  
Machines from France, th' Italianated God,  
The Spanish Engine, Portuguezed Jew,  
The Jesuitick Mine, and Politick Crew  
Of Home-bred Sipers, let their Threatning come  
By Private Pistoll, or by Hostile Drum,  
Tho' all these Dogs chase her with open Cry,  
She shall live lov'd, and fear'd, then Sainted dye.

For the Astrological Calculation of this Princess's Birth, it fell out most exactly ; for, where *Mercury's* Star is most predominant, it portends a rare Acuteness and Sharpness of Wit, a Volubility of Speech, and Retentiveness of Memory, with a natural Propensity to Learning and Knowledge, all which, centered in her.

JUPITER'S Star, infuseth Honour, State, Power and Majesty. VENUS, Feature, Beauty, Affability and Clemency : *Both* which being at that Time in Conjunction, conferred their General Gifts upon her in par-



particular; and SOL shining at the same Hour with a favourable Aspect, ratified the *Former*, of which Part of the Prophecy there needeth not any farther Explanation.

The many Troubles this illustrious Princess went through, her Imprisonment in the Tower, &c. import the Pursuit of the Prophecy, that, *against her the Pope's BULLS should Roar, but, at length, be Quieted. And ASTREA the Goddess of Justice, should shed her benign Influence, as a Prognostic of future Felicity.*

Her Passage from the Tower, through the City, to *Westminster*, to her Coronation, was very magnificent, with splendid Pageants fitly appropriated to the Grandeur of the Solemnity. Also, proper Devices and public Speeches, made,  
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on this joyful Occasion. All which sufficiently prove what was foretold that SOL, with his best Looks, should shine on her; that, *Ariadne's* Crown, and *Astrea's* Justice should deck her; that her Reign in *Reality* should be a greater Scene of Glory, than ever the Poets formed of their *Imaginary* GOLDEN AGE; and, that, as, in her *Troubles*, she had been tried as by *Fire*, so should she come out of the *Furnace* of *Affliction* seven times purified.

This was confirmed by her long, prosperous, and every-way happy Reign; having quelled all Foreign and Domestic Attempts aimed at her Royal Person. She despised the *Roaring* of *Romish Bulls*, and put the *Spanish Armada* to Flight, &c.

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*By these most Glorious Acts did she expell,  
All the vain Clouds of Cavill, Book and Bell,  
Tho' all Rome's Dogs chae'd her with open Cry,  
She liv'd, lov'd, fear'd; and Sainted did she Dye,*

On the 24th Day of *March*, in the  
44th Year of her Reign, and the  
70th Year of her Age. She was  
buried in *Westminster Abbey*.

Many other *Prophecies* have been  
disperfed abroad, under the Name  
of *MERLIN*, of which we fhall here  
give *One* only, viz.

*When Hempe is ripe and ready to pull,  
Then, Englishman, beware the Skull.*

In the Word *Hempe* are five Let-  
ters, which refer to the five succes-  
five Princes,

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*H* signifieth *Henry VIII.*

*E* *Edward VI.*

*M* *Mary.*

*P* *Philip* her Consort.

*E* *Elizabeth.*

After whose Death it was greatly feared, some Trouble might arise about the Crown, that King *James* might come in, with Turbulence, verifying this Caution in the Prophecy,

Then, Englishman, beware thy Skull.

But these Fears were soon dissipated, for the Queen being asked, on her Death-Bed, by some of her Council, her Mind concerning a Successor, she thus answered, — I have said my Throne hath been the Throne of *KINGS*, I would not that a mean Person should succeed me. I

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*will have a KING succeed me, and what KING but the KING of Scots, who is my nearest Kinsman.*

Accordingly He did succeed her, at 36 Years of Age, without the least Trouble or Turmoil, and on St. James's Day, the King with his Wife Queen ANNE, were both crowned at *Westminster.*

Now was Accomplished the Catastrophe of MERLIN's Predictions, viz.

*The German-Horse, the British-Lyon join'd,  
And North with South, in mutual Bands did bind.*

Here we cannot but observe One Thing most remarkable, viz. The Fatality of that Day of the Week, called *Thursday*, to King HENRY the VIIIth, and all his Family.

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For, He died on THURSDAY the 28th Day of *January*, 1546.

King EDWARD the VIth died on THURSDAY the 6th Day of *July*, 1553.

Queen MARY died on THURSDAY the 17th Day of *November*, 1558.

Queen ELIZABETH died on THURSDAY the 24th Day of *March*, 1603.

The following Prophecy of King JAMES's Reign concludes our Labours, *viz.*

On (1) *Boreas's Wings* to England shall be borne,  
Thro' (2) *Week o'er Tweed*, a Princely (3) *Unicorn*.

(1) *Boreas's Wings*, i. e. the North Wind.  
(2) From *Week, o'er Tweed*—He came through *Berwick* over the River *Tweed*.

(3) By the *Princely Unicorn*, is meant the *Unicorn* which he bore in his Arms.



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Who brought into the World his own fair Crest,  
 A Lyon Rampant figur'd on his Breast; (4)  
 And with his Arms, six Lyons more, half Quarter,  
 With six French Flowers, environ'd with the Garter.  
 Joining, by Fate's unchangable dispose,  
 The Northern Thistle to the Southern Rose;  
 He Hall the Apostolique Faith maintain,  
 With pious Zeal; during his (5) Blessed Reign.  
 Of this fair Sprig deriv'd from (6) Richmond's Stock  
 No noble Head shall stoop unto the Block.  
 Yet shall from th' old (7) Lupanar Whores be sent  
 To undermine both Crown and Government;  
 Striving in Hell to register their Names,  
 By blowing up the State in (8) Powder Flames;  
 Ah, Woe the while, Rebellion and Priestigion,  
 Should masque themselves in Vizards of Religion,  
 All which the Holy Book merely gainsays,  
 But Man's corrupt, God just, in all his Ways  
 Witness their wretched Ends, but happy they,  
 Who keep for that, an Annual Holiday.

This  
 his Reign concludes our  
 (4) At his Birth was perceived the Portraiture of a *Lyon*,  
 presaging, that the *White Lyon* of Scotland, should join in Al-  
 liance with the Three *Red Lyons* of England, Quartered with  
 the Three *Fleur-de-Lis* of France, all which are encompassed  
 by the *Garter*.

(5) Alluding to this Prince's Motto, BEATI PACIFICI.

(6) The *Thistle*, being the *Scots Arms*, was likewise joined  
 to the *English, White and Red-Roses*.

(7) *Lupanar*, from *Lupa*, signifying the Brothel-House of  
 Rome's Whoredoms. Alluding to those *Whores* who hatched  
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(8) *Gun-Powder-Plot*; but, that wicked *Conspiracy*, and  
 all *Omens*, against Him, were, by *Divine Providence*, ren-  
 dered Abortive.

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This King shall be a second Solomon,  
Whom all Kings else with Wonder gaze upon ;  
Who, as t' an Oracle, to him shall come,  
And when he speaks be silent all and dumb.  
Peace shall he keep within him, and without him,  
Whilst in all Lands, Combustions are about him.  
Him shall a Second-Issue-Male succeed,  
Gracious in Word, Victorious in his Deed.

This *Prophecy* being, in all its  
Parts, fulfilled, King *James*, after  
the Loss of his Son Prince *Henry*,  
and his Royal Consort Queen *Anne*,  
Himself resigned this mortal Life  
on the 27th Day of *March* 1625,  
in the 59th Year of his Age, and  
the 23d of his Reign. His Body  
lay several Days in State at *Somer-*  
*set-House* in the *Strand*, and was,  
afterwards, in a most sumptuous  
Manner, Buried at *Westminster*.

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It was then that he a sacred solemnity  
 upon all things: the earth, the air, the sun,  
 the moon, the stars, the elements, the  
 whole of nature, he made all his own.  
 He made the world his empire, and himself  
 its king. He made the elements his  
 subjects, and the world his kingdom.  
 He made the sun his servant, and the  
 moon his minister. He made the stars  
 his soldiers, and the elements his  
 weapons. He made the world his  
 kingdom, and himself its king.

This prophecy being in all its  
 parts fulfilled, King Henry after  
 the loss of his son Prince Henry,  
 and his Royal Consort Queen Anne,  
 himself resigned this mortal life  
 on the 27th Day of March 1555,  
 in the 50th Year of his Age, and  
 the 23d of his Reign. His Body  
 lay several Days in State at Down-  
 ing-street in the Strand, and was  
 afterwards in a most sumptuous  
 Manner, Buried at Westminster.

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